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Lakeland Health set to become part of Spectrum

Hamel says local service, control will be maintained

By JOHN MATUSZAK
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Lakeland Health has signed a letter of intent to become a division of the larger Spectrum Health system based in Grand Rapids, it announced Wednesday.

HAMEL

Dr. Loren Hamel, president and CEO of Lakeland, said health care in Southwest Michigan will continue to be delivered "by the same people, in the same way," while improving access and controlling costs as part of Spectrum.

He called Spectrum "an ideal choice" because of its proximity, its size – about 10 times bigger than Lakeland – and the services and innovations it could provide. Spectrum has a health plan that Lakeland clients will be able to take advantage of, he said.

The nonprofit Spectrum includes 12 hospitals with 26,000 employees, and employs 1,900 physicians and advanced practitioners and 1,600 independent physicians, making it the largest employer in west Michigan. Spectrum did $5.7 billion in business in fiscal year 2017.

Lakeland, also a nonprofit, encompasses three hospitals in St. Joseph, Watervliet and Niles, has 4,100 employees, and is the largest employer in Berrien County. It was a $500 million enterprise in 2017.

Richard Breon, Spectrum's president and CEO, said that they have a long relationship with Lakeland, and it provided "a perfect fit" in terms of its focus on quality, its leadership and community involvement.

Breon, who retires at the end of the year after 18 years with Spectrum, said this is one of the most important moves the organization has made during his tenure.

Spectrum's adoption of the EPIC electronic medical records system last year – the same system used by Lakeland – opened a window for talks on integration, Hamel said.

By joining Spectrum, Lakeland can take advantage of economies of scale to lower costs for medications and other items, Hamel said.

The Lakeland name will remain on the buildings, he said, and its hospitals in Niles and Watervliet would remain in operation.

Hamel will remain in his executive position with Lakeland, while taking on a senior vice president slot with Spectrum.

Hamel said he did not anticipate a decrease in employment among the rank and file in Berrien County.

"Most of our associates are in the front lines caring for our friends and neighbors, and that, of course, will not change," Hamel said. He did expect that some "leadership roles" would be realigned under the new arrangement.

Negotiations on an agreement will continue over the next few months, with a final pact expected by Oct. 1.

Don Campbell / HP file photo

Lakeland Health, which operates hospitals in St. Joseph (shown here), Niles and Watervliet, is in talks to become a division of the larger Spectrum Health System in Grand Rapids. Lakeland President Loren Hamel says the merger will improve care and keep down costs.

Merger mania

The anticipated acquisition is part of a larger trend for health care systems in Michigan and across the country. The number of hospital mergers nationwide in 2017 increased 13 percent over the previous year, with 115 transactions, the highest rate in more than a decade.

In 2016 the Henry Ford Health System added Jackson-based Allegiance Health and HealthPlus of Michigan in Flint. The two acquisitions added about $800 million in annual revenue to the now $5.7 billion system and expanded its geographic reach by 75 miles.

Hamel said that health systems are under increasing pressure from the state and federal government and their payers to control costs while still providing high-quality service, speeding the trend toward consolidation.

Industry observers have noted that many health systems are seeing their inpatient revenue flatline as patients seek care outside hospitals, while personnel and technology costs increase, driving the need to merge.

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SPECTRUM HEALTH	Lakeland Health
12 hospitals	3 hospitals
$5.7 bil. revenue	$0.5 bil. revenue
26,000 employees	4,160 employees
76,000 acute care admissions	15,000 acute care admissions
2,200 active volunteers	1,030 active volunteers

Sources: Lakeland Health, Spectrum Health

HP graphic

A smelly situation

BH residents complain about poor trash service

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Due to a growing number of citizen complaints, Benton Harbor city commissioners are expected to take another look Monday at the city's three-year contract with its new trash hauler, We-Cycle Industrial Sanitation.

Residents told members of the city's Public Safety & Recreation Committee on Wednesday that the new company, which has been picking up the city's trash since Oct. 2, has only supplied some residents with the 96-gallon trash cans they promised. They further said the workers are sometimes rude and that animals get into the trash bags not in cans and leave a mess.

When city commissioners approved the contract last fall, they said We-Cycle would supply the large trash cans within a month. The previous company, Reliable Disposal, picked up its trash cans the last time the company picked up the city's trash in September.

City Commissioner Ron Singleton, the committee's chairman, asked City Manager Darwin Watson to look at how much it would cost for the city to provide its own trash service.

Watson said he is working with the city's attorney to look over the We-Cycle contract to figure out how the poor service can be remedied.

In addition, Singleton said he will meet with Watson to draft a resolution to bring to the next City Commission meeting, which is 7 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

"It takes five people to get something passed, but it's my recommendation that we do something immediately with this," he said. "... Citizens are unhappy. They're unhappy with the service."

City resident Lisa Varrie said something needs to be done. She said she saw We-Cycle workers throw the trash cans she bought into the street after they dumped the trash.

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Upton, House back resolution supporting NATO

By HP STAFF

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. House on Wednesday joined the U.S. Senate in stating clear support of NATO, even as President Donald Trump ripped longtime allies during a summit in Belgium.

House members unanimously in a voice vote backed a resolution praising NATO and its 70 years of joint military efforts.

"As leaders gather at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit this week, it is important that we send a strong message of support and commitment for transatlantic security," U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, said in a statement Wednesday night.

The House resolution calls NATO "the most important and critical security link between the United States and Europe."

House action follows the Senate's 97-2 vote Tuesday to support the alliance.

House Resolution 256, authored by U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tennessee, condemns any threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of NATO allies and pledges that the U.S. will continue to maintain strong leadership and its commitments to the alliance, Upton's office reported.

It condemns Russia's ongoing occupation of Crimea and supports maintaining related U.S. sanctions on Russia until Ukraine's sovereignty is restored.

The resolution supports the U.S. European Deterrence Initiative program of military support to our Eastern European and Baltic allies, and calls on our European allies to make the promised investments in their individual, regional and collective defenses in accordance to the NATO guidelines for membership.

Finally, this measure acknowledges the valuable contributions by Central and Eastern European allies to NATO's collective security and peace operations around the globe, such as ongoing operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kosovo.

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Detroit to reform special education program after audits

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit education officials are working to address shortfalls in the school district's special education program after audits found it's failing to meet student needs.

The Detroit Board of Education on Tuesday approved Superintendent Nikolai Vitti's plan for sweeping reforms to its special education department, the Detroit News reported.

Two audits identified that the district lacks an effective system for identifying and evaluating children who may be eligible for special education services. One audit was conducted internally, while the Council of Great City Schools, a coalition of urban schools, conducted the other audit.

The plan will increase teacher training and fill vacancies within the special education department. It'll also develop and improve policies for staff to follow special education requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The audits and full plan will be available on the district website next month, Vitti said.

Many parents have filed complaints against the district at the state and federal level, according to Vitti. Most of the complaints focused on how and where a student is placed in the special education environment, he said. More than 16 percent of the Detroit district's student population was deemed eligible for special education services last year, compared to about 13 percent statewide.

"I have never been in a district with that many complaints," Vitti said. "Those complaints are reflective of the lack of the district responding to issues and challenges. So parents feel their only recourse is to go to the federal or state level because responses weren't being provided."

He wants to create a hotline and an advisory council for parents with concerns over special education.

Patty and David Thornton plan to join the advisory council. The Thorntons pulled their 9-year-old son Alex, who has Down syndrome, out of school recently. The couple said the district failed to provide basic classroom safeguards, including keeping Alex from leaving class unnoticed, having adequate staffing and providing an inclusive education setting.

But the Detroit parents are hopeful for Vitti's proposed plan.

"It's not going to happen overnight," Patty Thornton said. "But we need these steps."

Lotteries

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
01-08-12-15-18-41
Poker Lotto
AC-6C-6H-5S-7S
Midday Daily 3
3-1-6
Midday Daily 4
6-7-5-5
Daily 3
5-5-2
Daily 4
6-6-0-5
Fantasy 5
01-04-07-29-34
Keno
01-07-10-17-18-21-22-23-25-30-33-35-42-45-46-55-57-58-62-66-67-80
Mega Millions
Jackpot: $340 million
Powerball
Jackpot: $90 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
01-17-28-56-70, Mega Ball: 14, Megaplier: 3

Indiana
Cash 5
05-17-35-36-39
Lucky Seven
5-1-8-4-9-2-7
Quick Draw Midday
11-13-15-20-25-26-34-36-39-40-43-49-51-56-61-66-68-75-79-80, BE: 39
Daily Three-Midday
0-5-8, SB: 9
Daily Three-Evening
4-4-8, SB: 5
Daily Four-Midday
5-5-9-7, SB: 9
Daily Four-Evening
8-4-0-0, SB: 5
Quick Draw Evening
03-09-18-23-24-25-27-28-37-40-43-47-48-49-50-55-68-70-74-77, BE: 68

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
16-18-23-41-42
Pick Three-Midday
3-7-9, Fireball: 5
Pick Three-Evening
2-1-2, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Midday
3-6-2-4, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Evening
0-1-8-5, Fireball: 3
Lucky Day Lotto
13-15-16-34-40

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Battle over family separations flairs anew in Congress

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People hold a rally outside the Federal Courthouse in Bridgeport, Conn. on Wednesday. Lawyers for two immigrant children detained in Connecticut after being separated from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border asked a federal judge on Wednesday to order that the girl and boy be reunited with their families.

WASHINGTON — Congress' fight over President Donald Trump's now abandoned policy of separating migrant families stirred anew Wednesday, drawing fresh attention to an issue that has divided Republicans and that Democrats hope will propel voters their way in the midterm elections.

The battling at the House Appropriations Committee underscored how both parties still see vast political potency in immigration, even as congressional votes have shown that partisan differences and divisions within the GOP make it unlikely anything will reach Trump's desk soon.

"We have to try to keep it up front as much as we can, because it's important," Rep. Jose Serrano, D-N.Y., said of Democrats' attempts to end family separations. "The whole world is watching on this one. It's not just us."

Republicans on the Appropriations panel batted down Democratic proposals that undercut the administration's "zero tolerance" policy of prosecuting and detaining migrants caught entering the U.S. One plan would have blocked money for tent cities to house unaccompanied children.

But in a tacit admission that Trump's actions have left them politically vulnerable, the Republican-controlled committee accepted others. That included one requiring a government plan for tracking and reuniting children separated from their families and imposing a $100,000-a-day fine – imperceptible by federal standards – if it doesn't produce one.

With roughly two dozen Democratic amendments in play, Republicans fired back with one of their own.

They won party-line approval of language letting federal officials hold children for more than 20 days when their parents face legal action for unauthorized entry to the U.S. The Trump administration wants to eliminate that court-imposed 20-day limit so it can detain entire families as it enforces its "zero-tolerance" policy.

"All it does is keep families together while we're in the process of adjudication," said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., the measure's sponsor.

Democrats say the administration should let such families go until they must appear in court, and say keeping children and parents in custody for such offenses is cruel, even if they're together. Some Republicans have also opposed the idea of holding families until their cases are resolved.

"It trades one abhorrent policy for another," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn.

The House rejected two GOP immigration bills last month, and the Senate rejected three plans in February – two bipartisan bills and a third bearing Trump's hard-line views.

The House committee fight was over amendments to a massive spending bill financing health, education and labor programs, a perpetually controversial measure that gets delayed every year. The GOP provision ending the 20-day limit on holding children, identical to language in one of the rejected immigration bills, would only complicate passage further.

Senators have been talking behind the scenes in hopes of producing a bipartisan measure aimed at family separation, but so far they've not reported an agreement. House Republicans have been trying to produce a family separation measure they can push through their chamber but also have been unable to so far.

The issue has been overshadowed in recent days by Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement and Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Cavanaugh to replace him on the Supreme Court. But Democrats are showing little interest in letting public attention fade on the separation of families.

The family separations, which have spawned virtually daily doses of heart-rending stories and pictures of weeping children and mothers, give Democrats an opportunity to repeat Trump's denigration of immigrants. Democrats view that as a way to win over moderate voters in suburban swing districts that could determine House control in November.

"They aren't invaders, they aren't gang members, they're children," said Rep. Katherine Clark, D-Mass.

The government is holding around 2,000 children apart from their migrant families and in some cases is struggling to reunite them with their parents.

In late June, U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw in San Diego set a 14-day deadline to reunite children under 5 with their parents and a 30-day deadline for older children.

The government began with a list of 102 children potentially eligible to be reunited by the first deadline. But government attorneys have said the administration wouldn't meet the deadline for 20 children under 5 because it needed more time to track down parents who have already been deported or released into the U.S.

Meanwhile, Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Wis., planned to introduce separate legislation to eliminate ICE – Immigration and Customs Enforcement, whose agents help enforce Trump's policies. Under the bill, which has no chance of passage, a commission would assign its duties to other agencies.

Abolishing the agency has become a campaign rallying cry of activist liberal elements of the Democratic Party. Republicans and some Democrats see the effort as liberal overreach that will let the GOP paint Democratic candidates as extreme.

Ohio governor wants new farm rules to fight Lake Erie algae

By JOHN SEEWER
Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — Ohio's governor is calling for regulations on thousands of farms as part of a new strategy to combat the fertilizer and manure that flows into streams and feeds persistent toxic algae blooms in Lake Erie.

Gov. John Kasich signed an executive order Wednesday that signals a more aggressive approach to finding a way to stop the algae from taking over huge swaths of the shallowest of the Great Lakes.

The summertime blooms turn the waters of the lake's western end into a pea soup color and are the cause of tainted drinking water, fish kills and beach closures. An outbreak in 2014 contaminated the tap water for two days for more than 400,000 people around Toledo.

Kasich's order calls for issuing "distressed watershed" designations for eight creeks and rivers in northwestern Ohio that are the source for large amounts of phosphorus-rich fertilizer and manure.

Those designations would then require farmers to evaluate their land and make changes — some of those could be costly and force farmers to buy expensive machinery that injects fertilizer into the ground or build storage for livestock manure.

If approved by the state's soil and water commission, the eight designated areas would affect nearly 2 million acres and an estimated 7,000 farms, according to the state's agriculture department.

The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the state's largest agriculture organization, said it wants to know how the state decided to target those eight watersheds and what it will mean for farmers.

"What we have seen raises several concerns," said Joe Cornely, a farm bureau spokesman. "This is a massive undertaking. It's going to take a lot of money, it's going to take a lot of time. Where's that going to come from?"

Ohio's new approach comes just months after the Kasich administration said that the steps farmers have taken aren't working fast enough for Ohio to reach its goal of significantly reducing how much phosphorus enters the lake by within the next seven years.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in March endorsed the idea of a 40 percent phosphorus reduction that had been backed previously by Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and the Canadian province of Ontario.

Research shows that the largest source, by far, of phosphorus and nitrogen going into the lake comes from the Maumee River watershed in northwestern Ohio, whose land is almost entirely in farm production.

Both phosphorus and nitrogen are found in livestock manure and chemical fertilizers that farmers spread onto their fields to increase crop production.

The eight watersheds that are being targeted by the state are contributing more than twice the amount of phosphorus than the level that's needed to reach the 40 percent reduction goal, said Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director Craig Butler.

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Prosecutors: Manafort says he's treated like 'VIP' in jail

By ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's jailed former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, has said in monitored phone calls that he is being treated like a "VIP" while behind bars, federal prosecutors said Wednesday as they argued against postponing his financial crimes trial. Defense lawyers called the statements from special counsel Robert Mueller's office "self-serving and inaccurate."

The dueling court filings are part of an ongoing tussle over Manafort's confinement that began after a judge revoked his house arrest last month and ordered him jailed on witness tampering allegations. Since then, Manafort's lawyers have said they cannot properly prepare for a trial scheduled to start later this month with a client jailed two hours outside of Washington, D.C.

In response, U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III directed that Manafort be moved from his current jail to one in Alexandria, Virginia, where the federal courthouse is located, so that he can be closer to his lawyers. Ellis insisted this week that the transfer proceed even after Manafort's lawyers, citing concerns Tuesday about his safety and adjusting to a new jail so close to his trial date, asked that he stay put.

Manafort is scheduled for trial on July 25 on assorted charges arising from his Ukrainian political work.

In their court filing Wednesday, prosecutors sought to pick apart Manafort's arguments that he needs to delay the trial because of his jail conditions.

They pointed out that he has had a personal telephone in his unit at the Northern Neck Regional Jail and has had more than 100 phone calls with his lawyers in the last three weeks as they prepare for trial. He has a personal laptop on which he can review materials from the case and access to his own workspace to meet with his legal team, they said. Visitors' logs show Manafort having multiple visits each week with his lawyers, according to the prosecutors.

Though Manafort's lawyers have said he spends nearly all of his days in solitary confinement, prosecutors described his living arrangements as a "private, self-contained living unit, which is larger than other inmates' units" with its own bathroom and shower.

"On the monitored prison phone calls, Manafort has mentioned that he is being treated like a 'VIP,'" prosecutors quoted him as having said. They also said Manafort has said in the calls that he is able to visit with his lawyers every day and that he has "all my files like I would at home."

Defense lawyers, in response, said the government had selected "snippets" of the conversations to support their version of events. They said Mueller's team "does not pause to consider the reasons a detained defendant might have to make his situation sound better when speaking with concerned friends and family."

"While the opposition does not generally misrepresent the confinement conditions, its cavalier dismissal of the challenges of preparing for back-to-back complex white collar criminal trials while the defendant is in custody shows a lack of concern with fairness or due process," the lawyers wrote.

Trump rattles NATO, knocking its value, assailing Germany

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and JILL COLVIN
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President Donald Trump and German Chancellor Angela Merkel during their bilateral meeting on Wednesday in Brussels, Belgium.

U.S. President Donald Trump, second right, listens to NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, left, during their bilateral breakfast on Wednesday in Brussels, Belgium.

BRUSSELS — Under fire for his warm embrace of Russia's Vladimir Putin, President Donald Trump jolted the NATO summit Wednesday by turning a spotlight on Germany's ties to Russia and openly questioning the value of the military alliance that has defined American foreign policy for decades.

Trump declared that a joint natural gas pipeline venture with Moscow has left Angela Merkel's government "totally controlled" and "captive to Russia." So, in a stroke, he shifted attention away from his own ties to the Kremlin just days before he meets one-on-one with Putin.

With scorching language, the president questioned the necessity of the alliance that formed a bulwark against Soviet aggression, tweeting after a day of contentious meetings: "What good is NATO if Germany is paying Russia billions of dollars for gas and energy?"

German Chancellor Merkel hit back immediately, not only denying Trump's contention but suggesting that his comfortable upbringing in the U.S. gave him no standing to spout off on the world stage about Germany.

Drawing on her own background growing up in communist East Germany behind the Iron Curtain, she said:

"I've experienced myself a part of Germany controlled by the Soviet Union, and I'm very happy today that we are united in freedom as the Federal Republic of Germany and can thus say that we can determine our own policies and make our own decisions and that's very good."

Trump demanded by public tweet that members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization "must pay 2% of GDP IMMEDIATELY, not by 2025" for their military efforts. He then rattled U.S. allies further by privately suggesting member nations should spend 4 percent of their gross domestic product on the military – more than even the United States currently pays, according to NATO statistics.

It was just the latest in Trump's demands and insults that critics fear will undermine a decades-old alliance launched to counter-balance Soviet aggression after World War II. And it came just days before Trump planned to sit down with Putin in Finland at the conclusion of what has become a contentious European trip.

Trump has spent weeks berating members of the alliance for failing to increase military spending, accusing Europe of free-loading off the U.S. and even raising doubts about whether he would come to members' defense as required if they were ever attacked.

Trump's tongue-lashing accelerated during a pre-summit breakfast, when he traded his usual long-distance Twitter attacks for a face-to-face confrontation with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg.

"We're supposed to protect you against Russia but they're paying billions of dollars to Russia and I think that's very inappropriate," Trump said, repeatedly describing Germany as "captive to Russia" because of the energy deal. He urged NATO to look into the issue.

Trump's harsh words for Merkel, whose country has hosted tens of thousands of U.S. troops that have been key to post-WWII stability in Europe for seven decades, struck at the core of the alliance. West Germany joined NATO in 1955 and was a critical factor in the alliance's success in facing down the Soviet Union until its collapse. Reunified with the East, Germany became the largest European economy in NATO in 1990.

The president's beef was with the Nord Stream 2 pipeline that would bring gas from Russia to Germany's northeastern Baltic coast, bypassing Eastern European nations like Poland and Ukraine and doubling the amount of gas Russia can send directly to Germany. The vast undersea pipeline is opposed by the U.S. and some other EU members, who warn it could give Moscow greater leverage over Western Europe. It's expected to be online at the end of 2019.

Environmental-conscious Germany is trying to reduce its reliance on coal and is phasing out nuclear power by 2022, so it hopes to use natural gas to partially fill the gap until the country's electricity grid can cope with fluctuating levels provided by renewable energy.

Hours after the breakfast, Merkel and Trump appeared to play nice as they met along the summit's sidelines. Trump told reporters the two had a "very, very good relationship" and congratulated Merkel on her "tremendous success."

While Trump went after Germany for its ties to Russia, he himself has been accused by critics of being too eager to improve relations with Moscow. He's also dismissed the U.S. intelligence community's assessment that Russia tried to undermine Western democracy by meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election to help him win.

Trump also lobbed fresh complaints about allies' "delinquent" defense spending and suggested at one point that NATO allies commit to spending 4 percent of their GDP on defense – twice the goal they've set for 2024.

"I have great confidence they'll be spending more," he said.

However, a formal summit declaration issued by the NATO leaders Wednesday reaffirmed their "unwavering commitment" to the 2 percent pledge set in 2014 and made no reference to any effort to go higher.

Trump has repeatedly mischaracterized the spending target, wrongly describing it as a fee that countries pay to NATO or the U.S. rather than their own military. NATO estimates that 15 members, or just over half, will meet the benchmark by 2024 based on current trends.

Back in the U.S., Democratic congressional leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer issued a joint statement describing Trump's "brazen insults and denigration of one of America's most steadfast allies, Germany," as "an embarrassment."

"His behavior this morning is another profoundly disturbing signal that the president is more loyal to President Putin than to our NATO allies," they wrote.

Sen. Bob Corker, a Tennessee Republican, also criticized Trump's rhetoric.

"I do believe everybody should get to 2 percent quickly, but the NATO alliance is something that's very important to the United States and our citizenry, and things that are said to try and create instability, all that it does is strengthen Putin," Corker said, describing concerns "about conciliatory things that could occur in Helsinki" when Trump sits down with the Russian president.

But Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Arkansas, a strong supporter of the president, said the pipeline issue strikes at the "heart of NATO unity."

"The pipeline gets cheap Russian gas to Germany while bypassing smaller Eastern European nations, allowing Russia to pressure them while Germany is held harmless," he tweeted, adding: "No amount of preening in Berlin will cover this nakedly selfish policy."

Execution blocked after company objects to use of its drug

By KEN RITTER and MICHELLE L. PRICE
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A twice-convicted killer who wants to die rather than spend his life in prison was about an hour from eating his final meal Wednesday when he found out a Nevada judge had indefinitely delayed his execution after a pharmaceutical company objected to the use of one of its drugs to put someone to death.

Instead of carrying out what would have been the first execution in Nevada since 2006 and the first in the U.S. using an untried combination of three drugs, state officials must now reassess their options.

Scott Raymond Dozier, 47, was put on suicide watch as a precaution while officials planned a psychological evaluation at the state prison in the remote northeastern city of Ely before he returns to death row. Dozier was also placed on suicide watch after his execution was postponed in November.

Dozier was with family members and two close friends when he found out the execution had been postponed, said his attorney Thomas Ericsson. He wasn't shocked because he knew the drug company's last-minute lawsuit could derail things, and there was no outburst or anger, Ericsson said. They didn't immediately talk about their next steps, he said.

"I would say he and his family had prepared themselves," Ericsson said.

Dozier has attempted suicide in the past and has said repeatedly that he prefers execution to life behind bars.

"Life in prison isn't a life," the Army veteran and former methamphetamine user and dealer told the Las Vegas Review-Journal recently.

Dozier was sentenced to death in 2007 for robbing, killing and dismembering 22-year-old Jeremiah Miller at a Las Vegas motel in 2002. Miller had come to Nevada to buy ingredients to make meth. His decapitated torso was found in a suitcase.

In 2005, Dozier was sentenced to 22 years in prison for shooting to death another drug-trade associate, whose body was found in 2002 in a shallow grave outside Phoenix. A witness testified Dozier used a sledgehammer to break the victim's limbs so the corpse would fit in a plastic storage container.

It could now be several months before his execution is scheduled again.

The state is expected to appeal the judge's order to the state Supreme Court, and the judge in Las Vegas has scheduled a Sept. 10 hearing involving drug company attorneys.

Dr Robert Reed Jr. O.D. of All Eyes is among 52 Optometrists throughout the United Sates to receive the American Optometric Association's 2018 Optometric Recognition Award, in Denver Colorado. Dr Reed was the only Michigan optometrist to receive the award. Just 1751 of the nations 40,000 practicing optometrists have earned the Optometric Recognition Award since it was originated 38 years ago.

The award is given to Doctors of Optometry who have completed over 50 credit hours of continuing education in their field over a one-year period. Dr Reed attended and participated in over 100 hours of classes in the last year, including speaking at regional seminars. While presenting the Optometric Recognition Awards during a photo session Dr. Christopher Quinn, O.D. 2018 president of the American Optometric Association, congratulated the 2018 award recipients. He told them, "Your efforts to pursue continuing education reflect your deep desire to provide your patients with the best vision care available today."

Dr Reed has received this award every year for the last 38 years. He has practiced in the Twin Cities area since 1980. Dr Carrie Campbell OD, has been his associate since 2006. In 2016 Dr Reed was selected in the Herald Palladium Readers Choice as Best Eyecare Center in Southwest Michigan, and has received that honor nine years. On May first, Dr Reed sold his practice to Dr Clayton Cashen O.D. Dr Reed will continue to see patients on a reduced schedule. An open house is scheduled for Wednesday July 18, 2018, from 11am to 1pm, to welcome Dr Cashen. Cake, gifts, and prizes will be waiting for guests while Dr Reed enthusiastically introduces Dr Cashen to patients. All Eyes is located at 2047 Niles Road in south St Joseph.

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Anti-Catholic sentiment is seeping into the debate

Kathleen Parker

Even before President Trump announced his nomination Monday of federal appeals court Judge Brett Kavanaugh to fill departing Justice Anthony Kennedy's slot on the Supreme Court, the foul scent of anti-Catholicism began seeping into public commentary.

In particular, an article Monday morning that quickly earned ire in the choir came from Daily Beast writer (and Yale Law-educated) Jay Michaelson. While declaring that he didn't want to engage in anti-papist conspiracies, Michaelson nevertheless proceeded to suggest that an effort is fueled by dark money to name federal judges who "reflect rigid, conservative dogma." His subject was Leonard Leo, the executive vice president (albeit currently on leave) of the Federalist Society, which has worked closely with the president in creating a list of possible nominees. The well-respected Leo is painted by Michaelson as a sinister, outside secret force pushing Catholics to fill the bench.

Leo is certainly influential, but so are lots of people, and Michaelson's article was a tad dark-and-stormy-ish. It details Leo's various Catholic associations and practices, including his habit of attending daily mass – which many Catholics do, including liberals.

The narrative that has been building among some on the left and exemplified by Michaelson's article seems to go something like this: The Republican nomination process has been outsourced to a crazy, right-wing group. To the contrary, the Federalist Society is recognized as the nation's foremost champion of America's constitutional principles: Above all, the sovereignty of the people, the duty of the state to preserve their freedom, and the separation of powers. It is primarily a debating society that is open and transparent.

Since religion has become a sticking point in the Supreme Court selection process, primarily over fears that Roe vs. Wade might be overturned (it won't, though whittling is likely), it seems fair to mention that Michaelson is a Buddhist rabbi. For the record, I'm a lapsed Presbyterian, which isn't possible to make interesting much less to suggest a complex web of factors that cast doubt on my objectivity.

Michaelson also may have missed the strong anti-Trump sentiment among legions of Catholics – Trump's approval rating among Catholics was 38 percent in January – as well as not a few church leaders who've criticized the president.

It is certainly true that jurists who received Jesuit educations tend to rise to the top. This is because, as far as I can tell, you can't get a better education in this country than by the Jesuits. They seem to produce not just test takers but thinkers. As Francis X. Rocca, Vatican correspondent for The Wall Street Journal, tweeted Tuesday: "A Jesuit-educated U.S. president (Fordham U.) has now nominated two Jesuit-educated men (Georgetown Prep.) to the U.S. Supreme Court. Meanwhile, the first Jesuit pope reigns in Rome. In another age, conspiracy theorists would be theorizing."

There's no question the bench is heavily weighted with lawyers who are also Catholic. Others include Justice Samuel Alito, Justice Clarence Thomas, Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Chief Justice John Roberts. Neil Gorsuch, who replaced Justice Antonin Scalia, also Catholic, attends an Episcopal Church but was raised Catholic. If confirmed, Kavanaugh would be Catholic Justice No. 6, leaving Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Elena Kagan, all Jewish.

Part of the reasoning behind Kavanaugh's selection over reported finalist Amy Coney Barrett, in addition to his being exceedingly qualified, was that he'd likely have an easier, though still difficult, time during Senate confirmation. Barrett, as many will recall, was treated to a religious grilling during her confirmation hearings last year for the federal appellate judgeship she currently holds. Her likely disappointment at being passed over for the highest court was surely buffered somewhat by relief that she would be spared a repeat of her last experience when Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., infamously commented that Barrett's "dogma lives loudly" in her.

Are we to assume that Sotomayor's dogma lives quietly rearranging dusty Bibles within her?

It does seem, however, that being Catholic isn't a bad idea if you want to ascend to the Supreme Court. Then again, it's also a good idea to earn high marks in school, excel at the best law schools, clerk for Supreme Court justices, and live a life of integrity, honesty and dignity. That some justices are also informed by a faith that encourages service and a reverence for life doesn't bother me, just as long as the U.S. Constitution lives loudly within them.

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The Trump Doctrine, explained

Jonah Goldberg

A Trump Doctrine seems to be emerging.

"Doctrines, like submarines, tend to be launched with fanfare," the late Charles Krauthammer once wrote. Presidents James Monroe, Harry Truman and Jimmy Carter unveiled their doctrines in grand addresses.

The Reagan Doctrine, a term coined by Krauthammer in 1985, emerged as a "footnote" buried in Reagan's 1985 State of the Union address earlier that same year: "We must not break faith with those who are risking their lives on every continent from Afghanistan to Nicaragua to defy Soviet-supported aggression and secure rights which have been ours from birth. ... Support for freedom fighters is self-defense."

The Trump Doctrine is taking form in a series of tweets, glandular outbursts at press conferences and a series of seemingly inchoate policy rollouts.

Last month, The Atlantic's Jeffrey Goldberg (no relation), asked a number of Trump aides what the tagline of the Trump Doctrine might be. The winning entry: "We're America, bitch." I don't think that's quite it.

Another contender, offered by a senior national security official: "Permanent destabilization creates American advantage." That's closer.

President Trump and his biggest supporters see the president as the Great Disruptor. The "globalist" world order – on trade, military alliances, sanction regimes, etc. – has not served America's interests, and Trump is like Samson pulling down the pillars that hold up the Temple of Dagon, the shrine of the Philistines. Though, in their telling, he will escape the debris.

A White House spokesman recently said Trump will tell NATO allies that the U.S. cannot be "the world's piggy bank" any longer. This is one of the president's favorite phrases of late. Last month at the G7 summit in Canada, Trump said America has been "the piggy bank that everybody is robbing."

On NATO, Trump has a point. Indeed, previous administrations have hectored our allies to pull their weight on our common defense, too. However, it's not always clear the president understands how NATO works. He often makes it sound as if NATO is a country club and its members are in arrears. Last year he said that "many of these nations owe massive amounts of money from past years and not paying in those past years."

That's misleading. Direct spending on NATO is almost inconsequential. (We spend about $500 million out of $600 billion, or 0.08 percent of our defense budget). The real money is in what NATO members are supposed to dedicate to their own defense budgets. Many members have fallen short of the 2 percent minimum they all agreed to. That's been turning around, however, since Russia annexed Crimea in 2014.

When it comes to trade, the piggy bank analogy is even more muddled. To listen to the president, a trade surplus with the U.S. amounts to robbing America of billions of dollars. That's not how trade works.

The unifying argument underlying Trump's positions on trade, alliances and particularly immigration is that the world is playing us for suckers. That's why Trump constantly insists that the "world is laughing at us" because of our "weak" immigration laws.

Trump, whose id often controls his understanding of policy, seems to think our allies are like members of his entourage picking his pocket. NATO, he says, is "worse than NAFTA," and the European Union was created "to take advantage of the United States." (It wasn't.)

Meanwhile, even as Trump treats allied leaders such as Canada's Justin Trudeau and Germany's Angela Merkel like punching bags, he has gone to great lengths to praise and defend authoritarians in Russia, Turkey, China, the Philippines and elsewhere. At least such leaders are "strong," he often says. Trump genuflects at the sovereign inviolability of national borders, but even that goes out the window when it comes to Crimea's borders. Because Putin is "strong."

The Trump Doctrine, in short, is simply the international relations analogue to the domestic version of Trumpism. The Big Man personifies the national will, and constraints on the national will are for suckers. Self-interest, personally defined, is inherently in conflict with collective interest. It's Make America Great Again on a global scale. One problem: The world was not that great when everybody followed this doctrine.

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Letters

South Haven fire pits are creating unbreathable air

Editor,

Backyard fire pits are sprouting like mushrooms after a rain in South Haven, especially at short-term summer rentals. This amenity is popular with tourists just prior to sunset. While the backyard ambiance of a fire is lovely, the firing up of hundreds of fire pits has caused South Haven to be enveloped in heavy smoke most summer evenings. A friend called me today to report that even though she does not have central air conditioning, she was forced to close her windows and stay indoors last night because the smoke was so overpowering and entering her home near Superior and St. Joseph.

Smoke does not remain in the vicinity of the fire pit, but travels on the wind, causing collateral suffering. Repeated breathing of wood smoke is deadly. Particulate matter from combusted wood is the same size as asbestos particles and lodges in lungs. The effects are cumulative. After several seasons of this daily barrage, health degrades for many.

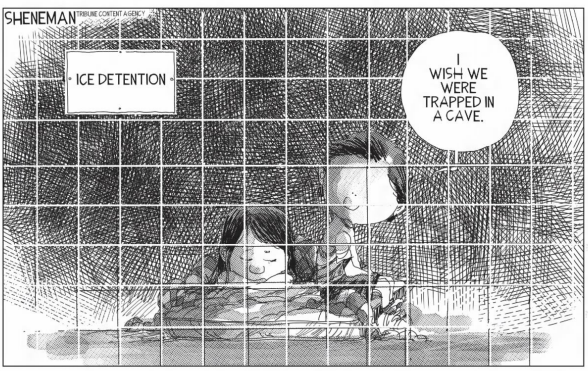
Last night, for the 10th evening in a row, firecrackers were set off nearby, scaring the wits out of my dog. She was afraid to enter the backyard prior to bed so I walked her around the block. The two short-term rentals on my immediate block were using gas fuel in their fire pits. There was a large, loud crowd at 51 Cass Street, but no smoke. Since I use earplugs to mute the noise from congregated partiers, I did not call the police. However, before I could get home, I was overcome by smoke and unable to locate a source of the smoke. It was pervasive, hanging in the lower atmosphere where we all need to breathe.

Can we please be good neighbors and use clean fuels? It is inexpensive to convert fire pits to propane (or natural gas) and the lungs of local residents who breathe here each day will not be compromised. Businesses in neighborhoods should respect neighbors. Noise is an annoyance, but impaired breathing is life-threatening.

Are people unaware of the deleterious effects from wood smoke? Do they know how far the smoke from their backyard fire pit travels? Do they know that while they may be enjoying the flames, people nearby are suffering? Can we please be civil, considerate and neighborly?

I avoid the Van Buren State Park during summer because campgrounds are expected to be smoky places. But my residential backyard and home should be an easy-breathing zone. Be kind. Can we all look out for others? Clean fuel will roast marshmallows and light up the yard. It's the only decent choice if you respect others and their right to breathe.

Susan Ryan
South Haven



Wendzel talks about issues, not about opponents

Editor,

In the next few years, Michigan will be facing lots of pressing issues. Whether it's fixing our roads and bridges, training the next generation for jobs and changing opportunities, maintaining and enhancing local governing control, or taking care of our seniors and veterans, tough choices will have to be made.

It's great that we have a number of choices for state representative in the 79th District, but one candidate is talking about the issues that matter the most. I have had the opportunity to listen to Pauline Wendzel talk about these issues, and it makes me excited about the future. Pauline is a confident, straight forward and clear-thinking young woman who will get things done. She will apply conservative principles to finding solutions to our toughest problems. Pauline is a supporter of upgrading our career-technical education programs in Michigan so our kids have choices, and our employers have the workforce they need.

Pauline will work to find the funding to fix our roads and bridges. She has studied the state budget and knows the issues that impact Southwest Michigan. She is a young woman who believes in family and supports our brave veterans and their families. She understands and supports local governing units as being the best method of meeting unique needs of the citizens of our communities.

This is an important election on Aug. 7. Pauline Wendzel is a positive person and has run a positive campaign. She knocks on doors to talk about her solutions, not to talk about others. I appreciate that kind of person and that is the kind of individual who deserves our support.

My family and I are supporting Pauline Wendzel for state representative on Tuesday, Aug. 7, and I encourage you to do so as well.

Tom Milnikel
St. Joseph

Even those who make it to U.S. face awful lives

Editor,

This is in response to the letter by Jennifer Tomshack ("Just more evidence of our decreasing morality," June 21).

The treatment of people attempting to enter the U.S. illegally is not a new low, it's an old low. Many photos seen this year were taken in previous years because conditions are the same.

South Americans and Mexicans are kind, naive people who believe their "coyote" guides will deliver them safely to a new life. Many will be left in the desert to die when they can't keep up or locked inside trucks and vans without water, while their "coyote" guide makes his escape.

If these families should survive the trek, they will be hidden in shacks, and then separated, the men standing on street corners to be hired by the day, the women and children to be used as their captors see fit. These fathers and mothers are not aware of the conditions which await them if they are not turned back at the border.

Families will be placed in slum areas of Houston, Phoenix, Los Angeles and Las Vegas, where armed drug gangs roam the streets. Even American citizens who speak English and have family ties find it difficult to survive in the inner-city slums, much less poor people who do not speak English, have no extended family and no money.

Most decent Americans feel as Tomshack and I do – that our government must find a way to help the people at the border. Our first responsibility, though, is to stop the flow of innocent families into a system which will exploit them and force them to live in poverty, surrounded by violence and crime. This is not a tempest in a teapot – this is the dark side of America. Many people will not walk in certain areas of Chicago, yet we have poor families with children living there – and dying there. As I write this, Father Flanagan plans a march in Chicago against violence, and Los Angeles administrators have announced a homeless crisis so dire that immediate steps must be taken to stop the rampant drug use, crime and abuse of the poor and helpless caught living in slums or on the streets.

I thank Tomshack for her compassionate letter. I have lived 50 miles from the border, and want her to know I have seen the results of illegal entry. We have organizations to help these abused women and children.

Let's keep looking up until our country can do better.

Nan Baker
Three Oaks

Election letters

The word limit for letters regarding the upcoming primary election is 300 words. Letters that exceed the limit may be returned, or may be trimmed to meet the guideline.

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A mockup of Boeing's CST-100 Starliner spacecraft, in development in partnership with NASA's Commercial Crew Program, splashes into a 20-foot-deep basin at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., in February 2016 during testing of the spacecraft's landing systems design. The U.S. Government Accountability Office said Wednesday that NASA needs a backup plan for getting astronauts to space, given additional delays on the horizon for new commercial crew capsules.

Report: NASA needs backup plan as crew launches slip

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

NASA needs a backup plan for getting astronauts to space, given additional delays on the horizon for new commercial crew capsules, the U.S. Government Accountability Office recommended Wednesday.

That's the top suggestion in the GAO's latest report on the SpaceX and Boeing crew capsules under development.

Both companies have been shooting for test flights by the end of this year. But the GAO warned in its 47-page report that despite progress, further delays are likely. If postponements keep mounting, the GAO fears there could be a gap in U.S. access to the International Space Station.

With its last shuttle flight seven years ago this month, NASA has been paying Russia up to $82 million a seat to ferry U.S. astronauts to and from the International Space Station. But that contract is up at the end of next year.

"NASA is considering potential options, but it does not have a contingency plan for ensuring uninterrupted U.S. access," the report by the Congressional watchdog agency stated.

The audit also found that NASA lacks a consistent approach in gauging crew risk in these new spacecraft.

"NASA must balance safety with acceptable risk for human spaceflight," the report stated.

NASA's human explorations chief, William Gerstenmaier, said the space agency is actively working on options to keep Americans living and working, uninterrupted, at the station. He also noted that while the different documentation for measuring crew risk can be confusing, it is up to NASA's commercial crew program to assure the proper safety guidelines.

SpaceX and Boeing have been vying to be the first to return Americans to space from U.S. soil since 2014, three years after NASA's shuttle program ended. That's when NASA awarded contracts totaling nearly $7 billion to SpaceX and Boeing to develop crew capsules and demonstrate them in flight. The agreement called for the spacecraft to be certified by 2017.

The SpaceX capsule is a beefed-up, human-rated version of the Dragon capsule already used to deliver cargo; Boeing's craft is named Starliner.

Each company plans a test flight without passengers, before putting astronauts on board.

Currently, there are three Americans at the space station, along with two Russians and a German.

Obituaries

John Black Jr.

John Black Jr., 78, of Benton Harbor departed this life on July 8, 2018.

A service celebrating his life will be July 14 at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 10 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.familyfuneralhomebh.com.

BLACK

John was born on June 6, 1940, in Chicago, to John and Henrietta Keys Black. He served in the U.S. Army until he was honorably discharged in the 1950s. John married Barbara Smith. He and his family relocated to Michigan in 1977, and he spent his life working construction and retired from Orange Crush in Skokie, Ill., after 30 years.

John leaves to cherish his memories his children: Mariah Black, Dorian Black, Danny Black, Mark Black, John Black III and Robin Black; 12 grandchildren: Shaquill Lee, Trayveion Henderson, Danielle Love, Barbara Williams, Turon Boyd, Marcus Black, Mark Black, Montrell Black, Ashley Glass, Lukeisha Marlowe, John Black IV and Destiny Smith; one goddaughter, Glenda Daniels; brother-in-law, Vincent Smith; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

John was preceded in his death by his parents, John and Henrietta Black; wife, Barbara Black; daughter, Lorraine Boyd; aunt, Lillie Looney; and five brothers: Charles Black, Hollis Black, Michael Black, James Black and Richard Black.

Josh William Spencer

Josh William Spencer, 57, of Kentwood, formerly of South Haven, passed away Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

SPENCER

He was born Nov. 7, 1960, to Robert and Violet (Baker) Spencer in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Josh worked as a customer service representative for Change Health for the past five years. He was an excellent photographer and especially skilled in photographing cars. He graduated from Davenport College, where he was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi. He enjoyed collecting jackknives and was a fan of "Battle Star Galactica" and "Star Trek." He was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids.

Josh was preceded in death by his father, Robert Spencer Sr., and sister, Rachel Spencer.

Josh is survived by his mother, Violet Spencer of South Haven; siblings, Robert Spencer Jr. of Cape Canaveral, Fla., and June (Tony) Tranker of Troy, Ill.; nephews, Derek and Collin Tranker; and many cousins.

Visitation will be 2-3 p.m. Sunday, July 15, 2018, at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven. Memorial services will follow visitation at 3 p.m. with the Revs. Travis Wilson and Dave Blank officiating. Contributions may be made in Josh's memory to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3215 Four Mile Road, Grand Rapids, MI 49525; or Caring Circle-Hospice at Home, 05055 Blue Star Highway, South Haven, MI 49090. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com. The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Willie G. McAfee

The Rev. Willie Gene, 65, son of Fletcher and Alice McAfee, grandson of Henry and Alberta McAfee of Eau Claire, who resided in Minneapolis, peacefully transitioned to his heavenly home Friday, July 6, 2018, at his home in Golden Valley, Minn.

McAFEE

Legacy farewell service will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at New Bethel Baptist Church, 2272 Townline Road, Benton Harbor, with visitation starting at 10 a.m. followed by services at 11 a.m.

He was born on March 3, 1953, at Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor. He attended Eau Claire High School, and received a basketball scholarship to Ferris State College. He left college to join the military and married Glenda Gadson, and together they had three children: Tia, Erik and Erika. Years later, Willie remarried Joan Webb, to this union they had a daughter, JoNae. In 2002, God gave Willie the vision to start Nu Way Missionary Baptist Church, which today is still thriving and changing lives.

Willie G. McAfee will be greatly missed.

He is survived by a loving wife, Joan McAfee of 33 years; his devoted children: Tia (the Rev. Christopher) Hildreth, Erika (Kerry) Levan, the Rev. Erik McAfee and JoNae McAfee; grandchildren: Erik McAfee Jr., Kerry Levan Jr., Zyonna McAfee, Hayley Levan, Tay'vion McAfee, Saraya Hildreth, Nadia Hildreth and Christopher (Briannna) Hildreth II; and and two great-grandsons, Chance McAfee and Kylen McAfee; mother and father, Alice McAfee-Clay and the Rev. Fletcher (Thomasine) McAfee; siblings: Clotee McAfee, Alice (the Rev. Bruce) Williams, the Rev. Jerry (Carmen) McAfee, Christine Taylor, Bonita (the Rev. Kevin) Mitchell, Angela McAfee, Marion (Ernest) Booth, Sheldon (Schelila) McAfee, La'Vasia (Gary) McAfee Burford and Marion (Earnest) Booth; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends.

Violet L. Beaman

BEAMAN

Violet L. Beaman, 90, of Benton Harbor passed away Tuesday, July 10, 2018, peacefully at home with her family by her side.

A celebration of life service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 13, 2018, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Dan Miller officiating. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., also at the funeral home. Burial will take place privately at North Shore Memory Gardens, Coloma. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to John Hagee – Israel Ministries, P.O. Box 1400, San Antonio, TX, 78295. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Violet was born Nov. 22, 1927, to Godfried and Margaret (Henschel) Nitz in Benton Harbor. On Nov. 6, 1946, she married Ruel Beaman Jr. She was a lifetime member of Assembly of God. Violet loved traveling, especially going on cruises with her family and friends. She also enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing and canning. Violet took pride in her yard and flowers. She was witty and selfless, always putting others first. Most of all, Violet cherished her family.

Violet is survived by her children: Judith Beaman, Sandra (Edward) Howader, Margaret Sullivan, Betty Metty and Daniel (Mary) Beaman; sister, Esther Schultz; 13 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Godfried and Margaret; husband, Ruel; siblings: Harold Nitz, Edna Howard and Norman Nitz; and grandson, Matthew Beaman.

Joshua A. Hudson

Joshua's life began June 18, 1981, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. When he was just a few months old his family moved to Michigan. Joshua called Michigan home and worked for 15 years for M&M (formerly Michigan Mold) as a bench hand. He enjoyed golfing, playing pool, hunting, fishing, playing horseshoes and hacky sack. Joshua liked trying his luck with scratch-off lottery tickets. Above everything, Joshua loved his family and spoiling his three daughters.

HUDSON

Joshua leaves behind a loving family to cherish his memory, which includes his significant other of 18 years, Jodi Bopp; three daughters: Ella Hudson, Lily Hudson and Jesi Hudson; his mom, Sheila Hardy; dad, Donald Hudson; three siblings: DJ (Alexis) Inserra, Nichole Kirksey and Clayton; his grandma, Betty Hudson; an uncle, Andre Hardy; three nieces and nephews; and several cousins.

Joshua died Wednesday, July 4.

Friends may visit with Joshua's family 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 12, at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet. Cremation will follow visitation. Memorials may be made to assist with funeral expenses through Hutchins Funeral Home website. You are invited to leave a message of comfort for Joshua's family at hutchinsfuneral.com.

Death notices

Douglas Eugene Davis, 60, of Covert died July 5, 2018, at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Bette Dodd, 86, of Niles died July 11, 2018, at her residence. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Niles, 683-1155.

Chinese find suggests human relatives left Africa earlier

NEW YORK (AP) — Stone tools recovered from an excavation in China suggest that our evolutionary forerunners trekked out of Africa earlier than we thought.

Until now, the oldest evidence of human-like creatures outside Africa came from 1.8 million-year-old artifacts and skulls found in the Georgian town of Dmanisi. But the new find pushes that back by at least 250,000 years.

"It's absolutely a new story," said archaeologist Michael Petraglia of the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History in Jena, Germany, who did not participate in the study. "It means that early humans were getting out of Africa way earlier than we ever realized."

That exit came long before our own species, Homo sapiens, even appeared. The researchers believe the tools were made by another member of the Homo evolutionary group.

The items included several chipped rocks, fragments and hammer stones. The 96 artifacts were dug up in an area known as the Loess Plateau, north of the Qinling mountains, which divide the north and south of China.

Some of them were as old as 2.1 million years, according to the study in Wednesday's journal Nature.

Photos by Zhaoyu Zhu via AP

Scientists examine a pointed piece of quartzite rock in December that was unearthed from the oldest layer of dirt at a site in the Loess Plateau in China. In a report released Wednesday, scientists say they believe stone tools like this could have belonged to our evolutionary forerunners that lived 2.1 million years ago.

"We were very excited," said Zhaoyu Zhu, a professor at the Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry, who led the field work. "One of my colleagues suddenly noticed a stone embedded in a steep outcrop. After a short while, more artifacts were found – one after another."

A stone flake that was found in an archaeological site in the Loess Plateau in China.

The tools were distributed throughout layers of dirt, suggesting our unidentified ancient relatives came back to the same site over and over, possibly following animals to hunt. Researchers also found bones of pigs and deer, but were not able to provide proof that the tools were used for hunting.

Some experts not involved in the research think that the findings need to be taken with caution.

"I am skeptical," said Geoffrey Pope, an anthropologist from William Paterson University in New Jersey. "I suspect this discovery will change very little."

The problem, he said, is that sometimes nature can shape stones in a way that they look as if they were manufactured by hand. Scientists know, for example, that rocks smashed together in a stream can acquire sharp edges.

But Sonia Harmand, an archaeologist at Stony Brook University in New York, disagrees.

"This could be, frankly, one of the most important (archaeological) sites in the world," said Harmand, who studies stone tools.

Getting it straight

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■ A story on Wednesday's Food page was accompanied by an incorrect photo for Celena Cantrell's Cherry Celebration Cake. Her name also was misspelled.

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25 years ago – 1993

Skip Crabtree of South Haven expects to become the 30th American to sail solo around the globe. A total of 131 people have sailed the globe alone.

Crabtree is preparing his 35-foot-sailboat, Windspirit, for the journey, which will begin in South Haven.

He says he is doing it for the challenge and to upgrade his merchant marine's captain's license so he can deliver boats all over the world.

35 years ago – 1983

The Niles City Council Monday night approved the final plans to replace the Grant Street bridge across railroad tracks with a new bridge.

The decision ended a dispute over whether to build a new bridge or replace the existing bridge with a grade-level crossing of the tracks. The unanimous council action came despite renewed objections from several residents present.

50 years ago – 1968

President Johnson has before him a bill to make four more holidays fall on Monday every year. The Senate, with about eight members present and no debate, Monday passed the measure which has been kicking around Congress for years.

Under the bill Washington's birthday, Memorial Day and Veterans Day would fall on Monday and a new national holiday, Columbus Day, would be created, also to fall on Monday. The bill will go into effect Jan. 1, 1971.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2018. There are 172 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On July 12, 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was declared ratified in February 1913.)

On this date:

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was flown by helicopter from the White House to a secret mountaintop location as part of a drill involving a mock nuclear attack on Washington.

In 1960, the Etch A Sketch Magic Screen drawing toy, invented by French electrician Andre Cassagnes, was first produced by the Ohio Art Co.

In 1962, The Rolling Stones played their first-ever gig at The Marquee in London.

In 1967, rioting erupted in Newark, New Jersey, over the police beating of a black taxi driver; 26 people were killed in the five days of violence that followed.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court limits on government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1994, President Bill Clinton, visiting Germany, went to the eastern sector of Berlin, the first U.S. president to do so since Harry Truman.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Scattered T-storms
82°	68°	84° / 73°	81° / 74°	84° / 76°	80° / 71°

Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high temperature of 82°, humidity of 52%. South wind 7 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 68°. South southeast wind 7 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly sunny, high of 84°, humidity of 55%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:20 a.m.
Sunset	9:21 p.m.
Moonrise	5:48 a.m.
Moonset	9:04 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
7/12	7/19	7/27	8/4

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	87°
Low	68°
Normal High	83°
Normal Low	63°
Record High	90° in 2016
Record Low	52° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.70"
Normal for month	1.43"
Year to date	15.96"
Normal Year to date	18.32"

Air Quality

Yesterday 45

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

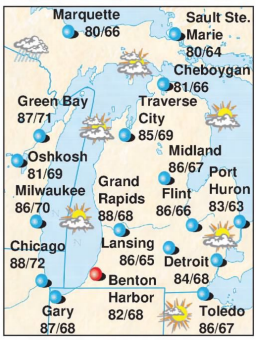
0-50 ..... Good
51-100 .... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What is a heat burst?

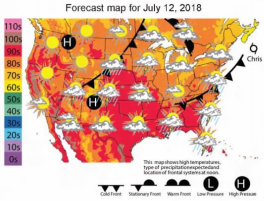
Answer: It is air that is forced downward in a thunderstorm and heated by compression

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for July 12, 2018



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Lake Michigan

Today, SSE wind 7 to 9 kt. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 72 degrees. Tonight, Variable winds less than 5 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves 1 ft or less.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with isolated showers, highs in the 80s. South wind 5 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy to cloudy skies Friday with widespread showers, highs in the 70s and 80s.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy with highs in the 80s. South wind 7 mph. Expect mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 80s. South southwest wind 8 mph.

In brief

One injured in Cass County crash

DOWAGIAC — A Dowagiac woman was seriously injured Wednesday when her car flipped over and caught fire, the Cass County Sheriff's Office reported.

Trisha Smith, 31, was traveling west on Dewey Lake Street in Wayne Township at 11:40 a.m. when her car left the road, hit a tree, turned over and caught fire. Emergency rescue crews were able to free her from the burning vehicle, police said.

She was taken by Pride Care ambulance to Borgess Lee Hospital, Dowagiac, and was then flown by Air Care Air Ambulance Service to Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo.

Police are still investigating and anyone who witnessed the crash is asked to call the sheriff's office at 445-8644. Sheriff's deputies were assisted at the scene by Pokagon Tribal Police and Wayne Township Fire Department.

Elon Musk tweets fixing Flint homes with lead-tainted water

FLINT (AP) — Residents in Flint whose homes still may need new water lines due to lead contamination may have a new benefactor in Elon Musk.

The tech billionaire caused a stir on Twitter Wednesday, tweeting Wednesday that he was committing to "fund fixing the water in any house" with contamination above federal levels.

Musk later acknowledged in another tweet that most Flint homes have safe water and said he would organize an effort to add filters to houses that need them.

Lead leached from old pipes after the city began using the Flint River in 2014 without adding corrosion-control chemicals. Flint returned in 2015 to Detroit's water system.

California meets greenhouse gas reduction goal years early

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California greenhouse gas emissions fell below 1990 levels, meeting an early target years ahead of schedule and putting the state well on its way toward reaching long-term goals to fight climate change, officials said Wednesday.

The California Air Resources Board announced pollution levels were down 13 percent since their 2004 peak – as the economy grew 26 percent since that year. The achievement was roughly equal to taking 12 million cars off the road or saving 6 billion gallons (22.7 billion liters) of gasoline a year, the board said.

Chairwoman Mary D. Nichols called it "great news for the health of Californians, the state's environment and its economy."

Greenhouse gas emissions dropped 2.7 percent in 2016 – the latest year available – to about 430 million metric tons, the board said. That's just below the 431 million metric tons produced in 1990.

Trash

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"We had to buy them because we don't have any, and they don't supply us with any, so don't throw my trash cans," she said.

She said the workers were rude when she confronted them.

"They argued with me and called me names," she said.

When she called We-Cycle's office, she said a woman apologized and said the company would supply the large trash cans to all residents by the end of February.

"February's come and gone," Varrie said. "I called (the office) about two weeks ago. Now they're saying we're only allowed a certain amount in a trash can."

She said she was spoiled by the worker with Reliable Disposal who picked up the city's trash for eight years until We-Cycle took over.

"If we forgot to put our trash can out, he would go grab it and dump it and go on," she said. "... And it didn't take 10 people in one truck to pick up a trash can. ... How long will City Hall allow them to keep going like this before you all take control or make them do what they're supposed to do?"

She said she's now been told that she will get a trash can by the end of August. Varrie said the office worker said the company has run into some "issues."

"They need to be made accountable," she said. "We're paying them."

Watson said Reliable Disposal only needed one worker with one truck with a mechanical arm on it to pick up trash in the city.

Watson said he has had residents calling him every day complaining about the trash company.

"At this point, if this is something that the commission wishes to pursue, we can look at what we can do to ... hold them to the contract," he said. "If it's not to the satisfaction of the commission, then we may need to move in another direction. I need that direction from the commission."

Residents are saving a little over $4 a month for the new trash service, but the savings aren't due to We-Cycle charging less money than Reliable Disposal.

We-Cycle, a new company with no experience picking up garbage, submitted the low bid to pick up trash at the cost of $17.65 per residential unit per month. The trash bill is added to the residents' monthly water bill.

Reliable Disposal was charging $16.66 per residential unit per month, but residents saw $21.80 on their monthly bills due to a $5.14 administrative fee the city was adding to the bills.

The city is no longer adding an administrative fee. Reliable Disposal officials said they didn't submit a bid to continue service due to an error on their part.

We-Cycle is in the process of buying the garbage trucks and equipment from Industrial Sanitation, which is owned by Willie "Curlie" Williams, who said he would help the new company for 18 months. Industrial Sanitation picked up trash for 18 years until Emergency Manager Joseph Harris awarded the contract to Reliable disposal in October 2010.

Due to paperwork problems, the contract with We-Cycle wasn't signed until Feb. 5. Watson signed an interim contract with Industrial Sanitation.

City Commissioner Juanita Henry said We-Cycle is a minority owned and operated company that employs city residents and is trying to get ahead.

"I don't see us having compassion for this young, black company," she said.

Resident Haleema Abdullah said she's tired of excuses.

"I'm 70 years old. I'm not picking up no trash," she said. "... When we make excuses, we make excuses to fail."

City Commissioner Sharon Henderson, vice-chair of the committee, said she was willing to give We-Cycle five to six months to start providing good service, but that's not happening.

"I'm getting a lot of complaints and calls about this particular trash company," she said. "... We do need to make sure our residents are being serviced."

One of We-Cycle's primary shareholders is Virginia Huddleston of Benton Harbor, the sister of City Commissioner MaryAlice Adams, who was not at the meeting. The other shareholders are Robert Edwards of Southfield and Jewell Allen of Champaign, Ill.

Committee members further talked about what to do about the illegal dumping that is happening in the city.

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Lakeland

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As a division of Spectrum, Lakeland would retain oversight by a local board of directors, making decisions on its capital investments and philanthropic efforts.

"Very expensive decisions" would likely need to be ratified by the Spectrum board, Hamel said.

Spectrum's Breon said his organization provides a lot of autonomy to its member groups. He said there would be shared membership between the Lakeland and Spectrum boards.

Dick DeVos, husband of U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, is chairman of the Spectrum Board of Directors, and he and his family have been major donors to Spectrum.

The bottom line

Hamel conceded that costs don't automatically go down following a merger, and that it takes work on the part of the leadership to corral expenses.

Research confirms this viewpoint.

A study conducted by Northwestern University, Harvard University and Columbia University found that in merging hospitals that were in the same state but at least 30 minutes apart, prices increased by about 7 percent to 10 percent. But there were no significant price changes resulting from mergers between hospitals in different states.

Spectrum was formed in 1997 through the merger of Butterworth Health System and Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. It has grown to include the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital and the Meijer Heart Center, which conducted west Michigan's first heart, lung and heart-lung transplants. Its hospitals had 76,000 acute care admissions and 383,000 emergency room visits in 2017.

Lakeland dates from 1899 with the opening of Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor, and Memorial Hospital in St. Joseph in 1951. Those institutions merged in 1977. Pawating Hospital in Niles, Community Hospital of Watervliet and Berrien General Hospital later joined the system.

The Marie Yeager Cancer Center opened in Royalton Township opened in 2011, and Hospice at Home became part of the Lakeland system the same year. The Hanson Hospice Center opened in 2013.

Lakeland is in the midst of a $160 million expansion on its St. Joseph campus, including a five-story patient tower and a renovated emergency department and front entrance.

Both Lakeland and Spectrum were named among the nation's top 15 health systems by Truven Health Analytics in 2017, with Spectrum listed among the top five largest health systems.

In 2016 Spectrum received the Foster G. McGaw Prize for Excellence in Community Service for initiatives such as improving maternal-child health and eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in birth outcomes; offering wellness programs and access to healthy foods; a school health advocacy program; and a chronic disease management program for underserved individuals.

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Lakeland Community Hospital Niles is among the assets slated to be absorbed by Spectrum Health.

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Lakeland Hospital Watervliet is pictured July 2018.

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An outlet for technology

Donors, students usher in St. Joseph robotics center with groundbreaking

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — As several people pulled chunks of dirt out of the ground near a St. Joseph High School parking lot Wednesday, Vic Vroegop was busy distributing handshakes.

Vroegop was in a good mood watching donors, school board members and students get their photos taken with various golden shovels because it meant St. Joseph High School's robotics team – the Average Joes – would soon have their own robotics center.

Referred to as the Edward J. Todd Innovation Center, plans for the 7,400-square-foot robotics center were announced during a St. Joseph school board meeting in February. It wasn't until Wednesday that the project officially kicked off with a ground-breaking ceremony.

TODD

Vroegop has been involved with the Average Joes since the team's inception in 2010. After becoming the team's head coach eight years ago, Vroegop said it's hard to believe the center is nearly a reality.

"There was a thought that what we were starting was the right thing for the students and the right thing for the community," Vroegop said. "Did I think it would get this big? Positively not. There are few times in life where you feel momentum come together like this."

Superintendent Ann Cardon told the crowd of bystanders that the district and SJPS Foundation had been actively seeking donations since fall. Among school officials, the center is considered to be a big step toward advancing science, technology, engineering, arts and math education within the district.

"Our football team has a stadium, our swimmers have a pool, our budding culinary folks have a beautiful state-of-the-art kitchen. And now, our robotics kids are going to be the envy of everyone," she said.

Cardon said the district plans to have the center completed before next year's robotics competition begins.

When the blueprints were revealed to students, Cardon said it was fun watching their faces when they learned what would be inside the center, which will include a multipurpose space and kitchenette – for those long nights.

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Merlin Hanson, right, founder of Hanson Logistics, and Bill Marohn, president of the SJPS Foundation, celebrate a ground-breaking ceremony for the Edward J. Todd Innovation Center at St. Joseph High School on Wednesday.

"Parents feed these kids. They're here from right after school to sometimes 10 o'clock at night. They needed someplace to eat and sit down," Cardon said. "… The support our kids get from the community and mentors on their own time is just amazing to watch."

The center will be next to the high school's Career

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Remembering Ron and Joe

ABOVE: Rick Lull, chief of security at the Berrien County Courthouse, recalls working with Joe Zangaro and Ron Kienzle during a prayer service held Wednesday at the Berrien County Law Enforcement Memorial in St. Joseph. Zangaro and Kienzle, officers with the Berrien County Courthouse, were killed on July 11, 2016, after a jail inmate grabbed a guard's gun during a failed escape attempt. RIGHT: Pablo Hernandez, of South Haven, pauses for a moment as he carries a Blue Lives Matter flag during a prayer service held Wednesday at the Berrien County Law Enforcement Memorial.
Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Lincoln Twp. against Proos' utility bill

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
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STEVENSVILLE — Lincoln Township became one of the latest municipalities to take an opposing stance on a bill proposed by state Sen. John Proos that would exempt some personal property owned by utilities from taxes.

At Tuesday's board meeting, Lincoln trustees unanimously approved a resolution against Senate Bill 1031 due to how much personal property tax revenue the township stands to lose.

Supervisor Dick Stauffer said the bill would mean the township and its police and fire departments would lose out on "at least $44,000 a year."

"This is not a friendly bill for townships," Stauffer said in a phone interview Wednesday. "We could cover half a mile of road with seal coat with that kind of money."

The township didn't reach out to Proos prior to adopting the resolution, but Stauffer said they would send the resolution to the senator's office.

Lincoln Township joins Berrien County, Benton Township, St. Joseph Township and St. Joseph on the list of municipalities passing a resolution against the bill.

Stauffer said the board's biggest problem with the 52-word bill is there's no amendment that attributes any reimbursements to municipalities for the lost tax revenue.

"I feel confident there will be some sort of amendment added to the bill for reimbursement," Stauffer said.

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Assessor working to sync streets in Coloma Twp.

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
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COLOMA — There can be a bit of confusion when 911 is trying to dispatch first responders to an emergency in Coloma Township.

"Shore Drive is a hiccup," Coloma Township Assessor Kevin Kutscher said. "Between Shore Court and 2nd Avenue, 911 hates it. They want it renamed."

Kutscher told the Coloma Township Board of Trustees on Wednesday night he has been working with 911 and the U.S. Postal Service for the last three years to fix addresses in the township.

"We had 127 different addresses that we and 911 identified," he said. "We have some issues where we need some names of streets yet."

He proposed changing Shore Drive to Kayak Circle.

"They don't want 'shore' anything, they don't want 'Paw Paw' anything. They don't want any duplications of names whatsoever. Kayak seemed like the most generic lake-related thing I could come up with," Kutscher said.

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South Haven schools

Frost hired as interim superintendent

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — As the July 17 departure looms for Superintendent Robert Herrera, the South Haven Board of Education moved swiftly Wednesday to hire an interim school chief and to hire a search firm to find a long-term replacement.

Board members voted unanimously to hire North Shore Elementary School Principal Carey Frost to serve as interim school chief until the start of the new school year or shortly afterwards.

FROST

"She's worked in central office administration in the past and is not interested in being a permanent superintendent," said school board President Laura Bos, in recommending Frost for the temporary job.

School board members voted to hire Frost to work two to three days a week for the rest of the summer to buy time to begin the recruitment process for hiring a superintendent to replace Herrera, who has been hired superintendent and CEO at Benton Harbor Area Schools. A pay schedule for Frost will be worked out in the next two to three weeks for her additional role as interim school chief.

South Haven board members began the recruitment process to replace Herrera by hiring Michigan Leadership Institute at a cost of $6,250 to help with the search.

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Oronoko Township close to rental inspection ordinance

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Oronoko Township could be just a few months away from having a new rental housing ordinance.

Rental ordinance committee Chairman Don Damron told the Township Board on Tuesday the panel is looking to model the proposed ordinance after Stevensville and South Haven ordinances because both address short-term rentals.

"We're getting there," he said when asked about a timetable for when it would be presented to the board and residents. "It will be a couple of months."

Committee members have looked at a number of area ordinances and what forms need to be developed for registration and inspection. It is expected the new ordinance will include references to the township zoning ordinance and the property maintenance code.

The rental committee was formed last year after board members hosted a public forum on the topic. Concerns residents raised included addressing short-term rental situations and emphasizing renter and public safety and not punishing good landlords.

The township's previous attempt to have a rental housing ordinance several years ago resulted in it being challenged by landlords and thrown out in court.

Code enforcement and property maintenance issues again dominated this week's meeting. Property maintenance has been a township focus for the last couple of years with people encouraged to clean up their property two years ago. The township is now enforcing the code on those not in compliance.

Board members began talking about specific property maintenance cases in March and have heard reports every meeting since. The township began with about a dozen situations involving abandoned or dilapidated buildings. Of that number, most have been resolved with buildings demolished.

Township Supervisor Mike Hildebrand said that code enforcement efforts will continue, though he warned board members that they may have to bring in more help for Building Official Rich Kubsch.

"Code compliance is requiring an exorbitant amount of Rich's time," he said. "If we're going to continue, we will have to talk about getting in additional help. It's hard for him to do all the building, zoning and code compliance work in 29 hours every week."

Members of the Average Joes robotics team join Edward Todd for pictures during a groundbreaking ceremony for the Edward J.Todd Innovation Center at St. Joseph High School on Wednesday.
Don Campbell / HP staff

ROBOTICS

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Technical Center, with access from Lakeview Avenue on the back side of the high school grounds. The building will be used primarily as a training facility for the district's robotics program.

A rendering of the center was sitting on an easel near the podium where Cardon spoke Wednesday. On the other side of her was the Average Joes' travel trailer and T-shirt launching washer bot – which shot apparel into the crowded parking lot toward the end of the ceremony.

Among the members on the robotics team who were excited to get to work inside the center was junior Zoe Downey.

Zoe is entering her third year with the Average Joes, but admitted she almost didn't join the robotics team. As a theater student, Zoe gravitated toward robotics in an effort to connect with her late grandfather, an electrical engineer.

"It's really cool that I have this skill now," she said. "It's cool that we're getting things that are just as supportive as the athletic facilities. I know that we're going to get a lot of use out of it."

The Average Joes have progressed to the FIRST Robotics World Finals the last four years. The St. Joseph team is one of several area schools that regularly advance to the World Finals.

In 2010, the St. Joseph robotics program began with about 20 participants. It has since grown to nearly 50 students, Vroegop said. Students from second through 12th grade participate in the program each year, which means they are coming in more prepared due to the lower-level robotics programs.

A big project

SJPS Foundation President Bill Marohn said this is the largest project the foundation has ever undertaken since its inception in 1996.

The foundation has been able to give back about $2 million to students through various grants and programs. However, the robotics center will cost more than $1 million.

The fundraising aspect of the project included having robotics mentors and students tell their story in an effort to reach new investors. This included meeting with a group of local manufacturers that came together for the big pitch.

Out of the donors who were the most impressed was Edward Todd – the project's lead donor whose name will cover the center's entryway.

As a 1954 graduate, Todd was already a major benefactor within the district. He is responsible for six $5,000 scholarships given to students each year who choose to focus on business.

"We wanted to think about the future," Todd said after the ceremony. "This is a good way to focus on the high-tech industry that I don't know too much about. It's a changing world out there."

Merlin Hanson was another large donor for the project. He said centers like these will help lead the manufacturing industry into the future.

"I think we have the young talent to really develop the mechanical side in our area," Hanson said while at the podium. "I see this as a great opportunity for this area overall. It will bring more people into the shops, locally."

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WANTED IN SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Each week, The Herald-Palladium publishes photos and information about people from the area who are wanted on outstanding warrants for various alleged felonies. Listed below are the name, last known community of residence and charges for each of the suspects. The Berrien County Sheriff's Department and Crime Stoppers are providing the information.

David Helmke

David Michael-Adam Helmke, Niles: Domestic violence – third offense (2 counts).

Tarone Washington

Tarone Devon Washington, Benton Harbor: Assault with intent to murder, weapons felony firearms.

Alfonso Gibbs

Alfonso Gibbs, Benton Harbor: Absconding parole, domestic violence – third offense, tampering with an electronic monitoring device.

Alexander Horton

Alexander James Horton, Benton Harbor: Home invasion.

Crime Stoppers will pay $100 for information that leads to the arrest of any of these people. Callers don't need to leave a name but will be assigned a code number. Call 1-800-342-STOP or 288-STOP. This information comes from Crime Stoppers and the Berrien County Sheriff's Department. All warrants must be reconfirmed before an arrest. To comment on the accuracy of this information, call 269-983-7141, ext. 4711.

SH SCHOOLS

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Dave Killips, regional director for the Leadership Institute, told school board members it's unlikely a suitable candidate can be found this time of year.

"The timing of this is unbelievable," he said. "It puts you in a position different than other districts."

On the plus side, Killips said South Haven is a desirable area for people due to its proximity to Lake Michigan as well as its other cultural amenities.

"You should have a good candidate pool," Killips said.

He said it normally takes 12-14 weeks to hire a full-time school chief. Some may agree to start mid-school year, but most would want to begin their tenure at the start of a school year, which would mean the fall of 2019 for South Haven. As a result, Killips recommended that the district may want to consider hiring an outside interim to take Frost's place once the school year starts.

Herrera, who was at Wednesday's meeting, told school board members the district is in good shape for an interim, such as Frost, to take the helm.

"I think your building administrators and supervisors will be able to move forward smoothly," he said. "The key is making sure you take time to find the right person. You're probably not going to find someone by the start of the school year. But our staffing is set. You're in good shape for a transition."

LINCOLN TWP.

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During a Berrien County Board of Commissioners meeting in June, County Administrator Bill Wolf said that the bill, if passed, could cost the county $600,000 over 10 years. Wolf had said there was no provision included to reimburse schools or municipalities for lost revenue, which was part of other bills that phased out personal property taxes.

Proos, the sole sponsor of the bill, has previously said the legislation would keep such companies as Consumers Energy and DTE from raising rates on customers to cover the expense of infrastructure upgrades.

Other agenda items

Michigan State Police traffic control orders were approved to post 40 mph signs on Ridge, Glenlord and Puetz roads. Maiden Lane will be given a posted speed of 45 mph.

Stauffer said the Berrien County Road Department removed the previous speed limit signs three or four months ago prior to running the speed studies.

Stauffer surmises the signs should be up around next week.

Trustees learned the township was given a $2,300 rebate in energy savings through Indiana Michigan Power for relamping the police station.

The project, which was completed a month ago, cost $7,000 and is expected to pay itself off in a little over two years. Stauffer said the township is looking to relamp its fire station in early 2019.

The next Township Board meeting is at 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at Lincoln Township Hall.

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COLOMA TWP.

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"Every looped road, like Sycamore Bluff and Shore Drive, the numbers weren't falling into the 911 grid properly and they weren't able to find houses."

He said there are a lot of places where south becomes north, east becomes west, or odd or even numbers are on the wrong side of the road.

"Those have been renumbered. I physically went out and wheeled every road and every driveway where there was a problem and reissued those numbers," Kutscher said.

He said he hit some roadblocks over the years, but now that there is a new postmaster, he is getting the answers he needs.

People issued new addresses will have the old and new addresses merged so no matter what address is on the mail, it will both get to that individual for 12 to 18 months.

"That gives us 12 months to notify folks along the way that there has been a change," he said. "So the only hang-up at this point is a couple of roads that still need names. ... Once we have all the new names of the roads pinned down, we can submit that to 911 and the postal service, and they can get that going."

In other business, Rory Bell, who heads the township's public works department, said Berrien County expanded ditches in the area of Rosemary Drive and Pine Court shortly after last month's Township Board meeting.

Residents of those streets were at that meeting to raise concerns about the flooding that happens in the area every time it rains.

Bell said the work relieved some water, but it'll take another big rain to know if the problem is solved.

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MIKE YORE CAR SHOW - PART OF THE MIDSUMMER CLASSIC WEEKEND JULY 19-21

THURSDAY:
- Rock the Boat at the Inn at Harbor Shores at 5pm

FRIDAY:
- Mike Yore Memorial Car Show 4-9pm
- Friday Night Concert at the John E.N. Howard Bandshell 7:30-8:30pm

SATURDAY:
- Chemical Bank Race for the YMCA at 8:30am
- Farmers Market from 9am-2pm
- SummerFest Music & Microbrews at 4pm

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Comcast, Fox both raise bids as they reach for Sky

By GREGORY KATZ and DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON — The battle for European pay TV service Sky escalated Wednesday as U.S. rivals Comcast and 21st Century Fox took turns upping the ante in their quest to expand their media empires.

The stakes now stand at $34 billion – the value of Comcast's latest offer. That bid came after Fox raised its bid to $32.5 billion earlier in the day.

Comcast's new bid translates to 14.75 pounds per share, or 18 percent more than its original offer. Fox is demanding 14 pounds per share for the 61 percent of Sky that it doesn't already own, more than 30 percent above its first bid in December 2016.

The duel for Sky is unfolding as Fox itself is the object of a takeover battle between Comcast and Disney. Disney said in June it is offering more than $71 billion for Fox's entertainment businesses in a counterbid to Comcast's nearly $66 billion offer.

Sky operates in Austria, Germany, Ireland and Italy as well as the U.K. It has 22.5 million customers, attracted by offerings such as English Premier League soccer and "Game of Thrones."

Fox, which is run by media mogul Rupert Murdoch, still faces significant regulatory battles in Britain. The challenges include the culture secretary's assertion that Fox would have to sell Sky News to win government approval because of concerns about media plurality.

Fox's bid for Sky is the most recent episode in Murdoch's long-running effort to take full control of the company.

His last bid foundered amid a 2011 phone-hacking scandal, in which journalists working for Murdoch newspapers were accused of gaining illegal access to the voicemail messages of crime victims, celebrities and members of the royal family. News Corp., which is controlled by the Murdochs, withdrew its bid for Sky soon after.

Both Comcast and Fox want Sky in order to amass more programming as they compete for viewers with both traditional TV networks and technology companies such as Netflix and Amazon.

U.S. soon to leapfrog Saudis, Russia as top oil producer

By DAVID KOENIG
AP Business Writer

The U.S. is on pace to leapfrog both Saudi Arabia and Russia and reclaim the title of the world's biggest oil producer for the first time since the 1970s.

The latest forecast from the U.S. Energy Information Administration predicts that U.S. output will grow next year to 11.8 million barrels a day.

"If the forecast holds, that would make the U.S. the world's leading producer of crude," says Linda Capuano, who heads the agency, a part of the Energy Department.

Saudi Arabia and Russia could upend that forecast by boosting their own production. In the face of rising global oil prices, members of the OPEC cartel and a few non-members including Russia agreed last month to ease production caps that had contributed to the run-up in prices.

President Donald Trump has urged the Saudis to pump more oil to contain rising prices. He tweeted on June 30 that King Salman agreed to boost production "maybe up to 2,000,000 barrels." The White House later clarified that the king said his country has a reserve of 2 million barrels a day that could be tapped "if and when necessary."

The idea that the U.S. could ever again become the world's top oil producer once seemed preposterous.

"A decade ago the only question was how fast would U.S. production go down," said Daniel Yergin, author of several books about the oil industry including a history, "The Prize." The rebound of U.S. output "has made a huge difference. If this had not happened, we would have had a severe shortage of world oil," he said.

The United States led the world in oil production for much of the 20th century, but the Soviet Union surpassed America in 1974, and Saudi Arabia did the same in 1976, according to Energy Department figures.

By the end of the 1970s the USSR was producing one-third more oil than the U.S.; by the end of the 1980s, Soviet output was nearly double that of the U.S.

The last decade or so has seen a revolution in American energy production, however, led by techniques including hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, and horizontal drilling.

Those innovations – and the breakup of the Soviet Union – helped the U.S. narrow the gap. Last year, Russia produced more than 10.3 million barrels a day, Saudi Arabia pumped just under 10 million, and the U.S. came in under 9.4 million barrels a day, according to U.S. government figures.

The U.S. has been pumping more than 10 million barrels a day on average since February, and probably pumped about 10.9 million barrels a day in June, up from 10.8 million in May, the energy agency said Tuesday in its latest short-term outlook.

Capuano's agency forecast that U.S. crude output will average 10.8 million barrels a day for all of 2018 and 11.8 million barrels a day in 2019. The current U.S. record for a full year is 9.6 million barrels a day in 1970.

The trend of rising U.S. output prompted Fatih Birol, executive director of the International Energy Agency, to predict this spring that the U.S. would leapfrog Russia and become the world's largest producer by next year – if not sooner.

One potential obstacle for U.S. drillers is a bottleneck of pipeline capacity to ship oil from the Permian Basin of Texas and New Mexico to ports and refineries.

"They are growing the production but they can't get it out of the area fast enough because of pipeline constraints," said Jim Rittersbusch, a consultant to oil traders.

Some analysts believe that Permian production could decline, or at least grow more slowly, in 2019 or 2020 as energy companies move from their best acreage to more marginal areas.

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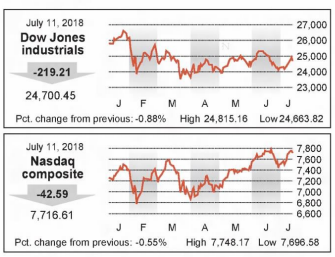

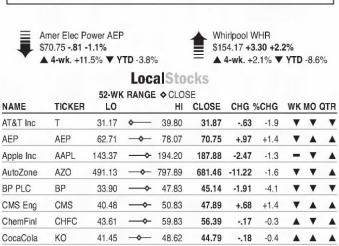

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A new round of proposed Trump tariffs would hit U.S. consumers

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

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Workers apply fiberglass to the resin frame of a boat at Regal Marine Industries in Orlando, Fla., on Wednesday. Some U.S. manufacturers are feeling the impact of tariffs of up to 25 percent that the Trump administration has imposed on thousands of products imported from China, Europe, Mexico, Canada, India and Russia, and of retaliatory tariffs that countries have put on U.S. exports. Among the products the U.S. has targeted are aluminum, steel and goods made from those metals, vehicles and their components and computer parts. The retaliation has hit U.S. makers of food and farm products, alcoholic beverages and boats and other vehicles.

WASHINGTON — Now consumers are in the cross-hairs.

Americans could soon find themselves paying more for goods they might not have known were imported from China. It's a potential consequence of a new round of tariffs the Trump administration is proposing to slap on Chinese imports as soon as September.

And it marks a new phase in the U.S. trade war with China. Before now, the administration had deliberately avoided imposing tariffs on consumer goods in order to spare U.S. shoppers from direct economic pain. But late Tuesday, when the administration issued a list of 6,000 products worth $200 billion that it proposes to hit with 10 percent tariffs, it included consumer items ranging from baseball gloves to seafood, vacuum cleaners, toilet paper and burglar alarms.

The administration will hold hearings on the proposed list late next month. President Donald Trump is threatening to impose the tariffs in retaliation for duties that China slapped on $34 billion of U.S. goods on Friday. Those duties, in turn, were a response to new tariffs the United States had imposed on China.

If China were to back down, the Trump administration might hold off on the newest tariffs. But economists say Beijing is unlikely to do so.

"Consumers will feel it and perhaps as early as Christmas," said Mary Lovely, an economics professor at Syracuse University who studies trade.

On Friday, the administration imposed 25 percent tariffs on $34 billion of Chinese imports. Consumer goods made up only about 1 percent of that amount.

But Tuesday's list includes food and agricultural products, handbags, hats and furniture – a group of items that, by themselves, account for nearly one-quarter of the $200 billion in Chinese goods that would be subject to the new proposed tariffs, according to data compiled by trade research firm Panjiva.

Other products that would be affected include window-mounted air conditioners, Christmas lights, car parts, refrigerators and roughly $350 million of frozen tilapia filets, according to data from Panjiva. Of all the frozen tilapia the United States imports, roughly 83 percent comes from China.

The tariffs might even affect some of the "Make America Great Again" – or MAGA – hats sported by many of Trump's supporters. David Lassoff, a company manager for California-based Incredible Gifts, is stockpiling the hats because importers have told him that the MAGA hats might be affected by the tariffs. Incredible Gifts buys the hats from China and embroiders them in the United States.

Lassoff said he has tried to acquire the hats from American manufacturers, but customers are unwilling to pay more. Incredible Gifts sells the hats for $16.99 on Amazon.com; Lassoff said they might cost twice that if they were made in the United States. If the tariffs were imposed on Chinese-made hats, he said, he would consider acquiring them from another low-cost country like Vietnam.

For now, Lassoff is hoping that the big companies that sell them, like Walmart and Amazon, are lobbying against the tariffs.

So far, many Americans are enjoying a solid economy and haven't felt an impact from Trump's trade fights. Nor have there been noticeable political consequences, though some Republican senators have sharply criticized the administration's embrace of tariffs.

"Consumers are feeling good, but if they see prices start going up, there could be a backlash," said Rod Sides, U.S. leader of retail at Deloitte. "The average consumer hasn't yet internalized what the tariffs mean to them and haven't seen prices rise."

Economists are struggling to foresee any end in sight for the burgeoning trade dispute between the two largest economies. No high-level talks are being held, and none have been scheduled.

Trump "isn't giving people off-ramps through negotiations," said Rod Hunter, a trade lawyer at Baker McKenzie and a former trade official in the George W. Bush administration. "You have to allow your counterparty to find a graceful way to give you the outcome that you want."

Most economists say the direct effect on the U.S. economy will likely be small. Greg Daco, an economist at Oxford Economics, has calculated that the $250 billion in tariffs Trump has imposed or threatened to place on Chinese imports could shave growth by about 0.3 percentage point next year.

Still, the indirect effects could be greater, he said. Corporate executives may delay investment projects. And the stock market could retreat, thereby reducing Americans' wealth and ability to spend.

The trade fight "is a big risk to the economy, not least because we're only in the early stages of what could be a significant escalation," he said.

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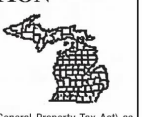

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BY EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, JULY 12

Give yourself the opportunity to try new things and develop creative endeavors that you've been contemplating. If you take a positive approach to life, you'll find it easier to get what you want. Accept the inevitable and embrace the changes that are made available to you. Romance is highlighted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Update your image or show off your creative flair. Make a statement and explore new possibilities. If you've got it, why not flaunt it?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Check out your options before you make a move. You'll be disappointed if you act prematurely. Too much of anything will weigh you down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Start a diet or health regimen that will help you maintain your looks and keep you fit and ready to take on the world. You will attract friends and romantic interests if you socialize.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Keep moving forward, no matter what everyone else is doing. It's important to finish what you start to avoid complaints. If you don't like something, speak up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Let your emotions lead the way. Be proactive if you want to let someone know how much you care. Do more, say less and make adjustments that will encourage better personal relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't sit back and wait for someone else to take control. Trust and believe in your ability to figure things out on your own. Refuse to give in to impulse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Focus on what you can do, and turn your plan into a reality. Your sense of what will and won't work will give you the edge when faced with competition.

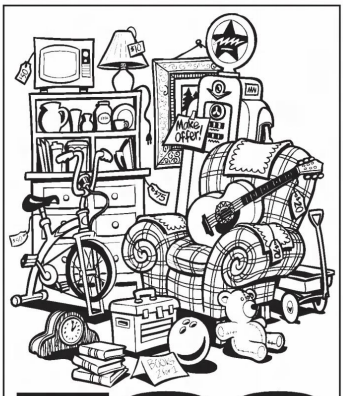
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Stick to what you know and can afford. Don't be tempted by someone who is a bad influence or unpredictable. Stick close to home and protect against identity theft.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Physical transformation is highlighted. The changes you make will give you a new lease on life and the confidence to approach someone you may have shied away from in the past.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stifle any feelings of animosity and look for the positive in whatever situation you face at home or work. If you don't make a fuss, you won't have to backtrack.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you express your feelings and discuss possibilities, you will be offered various opinions. Knowing where everyone stands will help you align yourself with the best support team.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Use your intelligence to get your way. Refuse to let someone manipulate a situation to take advantage of you. Take better care of your health.



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Federer wastes match point, falls at Wimbledon

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Roger Federer grimaces after losing a point during the fifth set of his men's quarterfinals match against Kevin Anderson at Wimbledon on Wednesday.

Top seed falls to S. African Anderson in epic upset

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

LONDON — Roger Federer was a point away from a rather tidy, straight-set victory in the Wimbledon quarterfinals. One lousy point.

And then, slowly, over the next two-plus hours, all the way until the fifth set reached its 24th game, as the temperature dropped and the spectators' cries of "Let's go, Roger!" echoed through the shadows, everything came apart for the eight-time champion against an opponent who'd never beaten him before nor made it this far at the All England Club.

In a stunning turnaround in an unfamiliar setting — No. 1 Court instead of Centre Court — the top-seeded Federer blew a third-set match point and, eventually, all of his big lead in a 2-6, 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-4, 13-11 loss to No. 8 Kevin Anderson on Wednesday in a 4-hour, 14-minute tussle.

"It was just one of those days where you hope to get by somehow," Federer said. "I almost could have. I should have."

He was leading by two sets and 5-4 in the third when, with Anderson serving, he got to Ad-Out. Could have ended things right then and there. Federer managed to return a 134 mph serve, but on his next stroke, he shanked a backhand.

Back to deuce. From there, it all began to change. Anderson held for 5-all, broke to 6-5 with a violent return winner off a 97 mph second serve, then staved off three break points and closed the set with a 133 mph ace.

The comeback was just beginning.

"I had my chances," Federer said, "so it's disappointing."

This was only the third time in Federer's 20 years of contesting Grand Slam matches that he lost one after taking the opening two sets; both of the other defeats came in 2011.

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Cubs fall to Giants in 13 innings

By JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Baseball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Buster Posey would prefer not to discuss his inflamed right hip, and notes that if it wasn't the reason he has to skip the All-Star Game it might still be a secret that he needs an injection once the first half wraps up this weekend.

San Francisco 5 Chicago 4

It has affected him hitting and behind the plate.

That's what made Posey's game-ending hit all the more impressive.

Posey singled off the right-field wall with two outs in the 13th inning for his fifth career game-ending hit, sending the San Francisco Giants past the Chicago Cubs 5-4 on Wednesday.

"Catchers are a whole different breed," said rookie Dereck Rodriguez, son of Hall of Famer Ivan Rodriguez. "They get banged up back there and go like it's nothing."

Rodriguez (4-1) pitched three scoreless innings for the win. He also had three of San Francisco's 16 strikeouts.

Brandon Belt drew a two-out walk from James Norwood (0-1). Andrew McCutchen then singled to

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Ben Margot / AP

Chicago's Kris Bryant swings for a two-run home run off San Francisco's Johnny Cueto in the fifth inning of Wednesday's game.

Don Campbell / HP staff See more photos:heraldpalladium.mycapture.com

Lakeshore High School's Dylan Clem works with kids during the Modern Day Knights Football Skills Academy on Wednesday at the Renaissance Athletic Club.

Keeping them in the game

Modern Day Knights Football Skills Academy looks to get kids involved in football

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Writer

BENTON HARBOR — With youth football participation declining nationally, Jon Hall wants to find ways to keep children involved with the sport he loves.

There's been plenty of that this week at the Modern Day Knights Football Skills Academy, with a total of 80 kids from grades 1-5 participating in various football activities at Renaissance Athletic Club. The camp began Monday and runs through Friday.

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Assistant coach Deatrick Moore works with kids during the Modern Day Knights Football Skills Academy session on Wednesday.

Croatia tops England, reaches World Cup final

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

MOSCOW — Croatia's legs seemed heavy, burdened by the accumulated toll of consecutive penalty-kicks wins needed to get this far. England had gone ahead with a free kick just five minutes in, dominated play and appeared headed to its first World Cup final since 1966.

Croatia 2 England 1

Then the second half started and it was as if a different Croatian team had replaced the lethargic one.

Ivan Perisic tied the score in the 68th minute, Mario Mandzukic got the go-ahead goal in the 109th and Croatia shocked England with a 2-1 victory Wednesday that advanced a nation of just over 4 million to a World Cup final against France.

"Mentally strong team," midfielder Ivan Rakitic said. "It's just unbelievable to get back in the game in this way."

When the final whistle blew and they knew they were going to their first World Cup final, the Croatians ran to their jumping and cheering fans in their iconic red-and-white checkered jerseys. Croatia joined an exclusive club of

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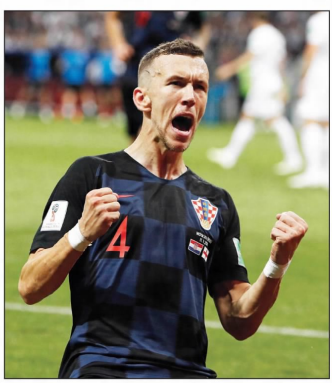

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Croatia's Ivan Perisic celebrates after scoring his side's first goal during the semifinal match between Croatia and England at the World Cup on Wednesday.

Former MSU, Lions coach Rogers dies

DETROIT (AP) — Darryl Rogers, who coached Michigan State to a share of the Big Ten title in 1978 and later took the helm for the Detroit Lions, has died. He was 83.

Rogers coached Michigan State from 1976-79, going 24-18-2. The 1978 team, which included star flanker Kirk Gibson, won its final seven games to finish tied for first in the conference.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to Darryl Rogers and his family at this most difficult time," Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio said in a statement. "Coach Rogers won the 1978 Big Ten championship at Michigan State and was, in many ways, an offensive pioneer in college football. I was honored to have had the opportunity to talk to him a number of times throughout my time here and he was always very supportive. He loved Michigan State and will forever be a Spartan."

Rogers also coached at Arizona State from 1980-84 before heading to the NFL. He was with the Lions from 1985-88.

Rogers played wide receiver and defensive back at Fresno State and became the coach there in 1966.

He also coached San Jose State from 1973-75 before taking over at Michigan State.

In brief

Mantha, Red Wings agree to 2-year deal

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Red Wings have agreed to a two-year, $6.6 million contract with Anthony Mantha.

The Red Wings announced the move with the restricted free agent Wednesday, keeping the 23-year-old wing after he led the team with 24 goals last season.

Mantha had 48 points in 80 games last season. He has 43 goals and 44 assists in two-plus seasons with the Red Wings. Detroit drafted him 20th overall in 2013.

The Red Wings re-signed restricted free agent Andreas Athanasiou last year with a two-year contract.

Their next task is completing negotiations with restricted free agent Dylan Larkin on a multiyear contract.

Last two spots filled for All-Star Game

NEW YORK (AP) — Milwaukee Brewers first baseman Jesus Aguilar and Seattle Mariners shortstop Jean Segura have won the final two roster spots for next week's All-Star Game in Washington.

Major League Baseball released the results of online balloting for the last slot in each league Wednesday night, with Aguilar drawing 20.2 million votes to secure his first All-Star selection. His total was the second-highest in the history of the All-Star Final Vote, trailing only Justin Turner's 20.8 million votes last year.

The 28-year-old Venezuelan was tied for the National League lead with 23 home runs and becomes the fourth Milwaukee player headed to the game.

Segura snagged the last American League spot with 13.6 million votes.

The 28-year-old Seattle shortstop was batting .329 and ranked second in the majors with 116 hits.

Sox designate Rondon for assignment

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago White Sox have designated veteran reliever Bruce Rondon for assignment.

The 27-year-old Rondon went 2-3 with an 8.49 ERA and one save in 35 games with Chicago. The right-hander got one out and issued three walks in Tuesday night's 14-2 loss to St. Louis.

Manager Rick Renteria said Rondon "wasn't throwing enough strikes."

The White Sox also purchased the contract of righty Jeanmar Gomez from Triple-A Charlotte before their game against the Cardinals on Wednesday night.

The 30-year-old Gomez was 5-0 with a 2.03 ERA and two saves in 30 relief appearances with Charlotte. He was 3-5 with 37 saves with Philadelphia in 2016.

The White Sox defeated St. Louis on Tuesday, 4-0.

Don Campbell / HP staff See more photos: heraldpalladium.mycapture.com

Kids get ready for the start of the Modern Day Knights Football Skills Academy on Wednesday at the Renaissance Athletic Club.

Knights

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"It's been great so far," Hall said. "The feedback from the parents has been super inspiring. I don't think they realized how much of the game of football they were going to learn and actually get to apply."

Hall, who played football for Lakeshore and in college at Army, started the Modern Day Knights flag football team last year as an alternative to contact football. The team plays 5-on-5 games against competition from around the Midwest.

"We're for alternative methods," Hall said. "We're not saying which method is better than the other one. We just want more kids playing football.

"Whether you're playing flag football or you're playing contact football, we want kids to stay in the game of football at young ages, to build our pipeline for our junior highs and high schools."

Hall said that the Knights currently don't have enough coaches to expand to additional teams, so the camp was a way to help get other interested players involved. He mentioned that players from eight different area school districts participated.

In addition to drills, the players also participated in 'air force' football, which allows all players to pass and be eligible receivers. He said that his high school coach at Lakeshore, Denny Dock, encouraged him to use the format to help keep kids interested in the sport.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Jon Hall applies eye black to Ashton Warsow, 7, during the Modern Day Knights Football Skills Academy on Wednesday.

"We do have enough coaches to create a camp to teach the fundamentals, the skills, some values, and hopefully keep them in the game of football," Hall said. "We hope for this to become the premier football camp in Southwest Michigan, drawing kids from all over."

Dock is one of several speakers who will talk at the camp, along with current Lakeshore coach Bryan Keim and St. Joseph coach Gandalf Church. Former Washington State coach Bill Doba spoke on Wednesday.

Doba, who now resides on Birch Lake in Cass County, spent 46 years in coaching. He was at Washington State for 19 years, the last five as head coach. He started in the high school ranks, coaching Goshen and Mishawaka high schools in Indiana. He took his first college assistant job under Lee Corso at Indiana in 1977.

"I was there about a month and I thought 'What in the hell have I done?'" Doba said. "With coach Corso, you were in at six in the morning and got home around midnight. College coaches, people don't realize the amount of time you put in.

"It's a great way to make a living, but it's tough on the family. My son played four years of high school football and I only saw 1 1/2 games."

Doba spoke to the campers about setting goals, and encouraged them to participate in activities like football camps rather than playing video games or watching television. He also talked about tolerance.

"The thing I think is most important to teach is tolerance," Doba said. "If you're running the football, and that guy's blocking for you, you don't care if he's black, white or Mexican, if he's Christian or Muslim. Judge a man for what he does, not who he is or what he is."

Tigers swept by Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — C.J. Cron's three-run home run in the seventh inning carried the Tampa Bay Rays to their fifth straight win, a 4-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday.

Cron's 18th homer came off Jordan Zimmermann after singles by Kevin Kiermaier and Matt Duffy.

Cron and Kiermaier each had three hits for the Rays, who have won 14 of 18.

It was only the second multi-hit game of the season for Kiermaier, who drove in the game's first run with his second homer of the season in the third inning.

James McCann's two-run homer off Matt Andriese in the fourth had given Detroit a 2-1 lead that lasted until Cron's homer. It was McCann's sixth homer of the season.

The Tigers, who struck out 14 times against five Tampa Bay pitchers, have lost four straight and 18 of 22.

Rookie left-hander Ryan Yarbrough (8-4) got the win after giving up one hit in three innings of relief. Sergio Romo pitched the ninth for his 11th save in 16 opportunities.

The Rays have won 14 of their past 15 home games, giving up two runs or fewer in 12 of them.

Tigers starter Jordan Zimmermann (4-1) gave up four runs and 11 hits in 6 2/3 innings, striking out five. He threw a season-high 105 pitches.

Up next

Tigers: RHP Mike Fiers (6-5, 3.65) will pitch the opener of a three-game series at Houston on Friday night.

Rays: LHP Blake Snell (12-4, league-leading 2.09 ERA) will face the Minnesota Twins on Thursday night in the opener of a four-game series.

Airwaves

Television today

7:30 a.m. (NBCSports) **2018 Tour de France** Stage 6. From Brest to Mûr de Bretagne Guerlédan. (Live)
8:00 a.m. (ESPN) **2018 Wimbledon Championships** Women's Semifinals. (Live) 🆒
1:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **2018 FIL World Lacrosse Championship** United States vs Iroquois Nationals. (Live)
(Golf) **2018 Senior Players Championship** First Round. (Live) 🆒
4:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** John Deere Classic, First Round. (Live) 🆒
4:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **NBA Summer League Basketball** First/Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) 🆒
5:00 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Racing** Camping World Truck Series: Buckle Up in Your Truck 225, Qualifying. (Live) 🆒
6:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **NBA Summer League Basketball** First/Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) 🆒
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **USA Softball International Cup** Canada vs USA Blue. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Web.com Tour Golf** Utah Championship, First Round. (Live) 🆒
7:30 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Racing** Camping World Truck Series: Buckle Up in Your Truck 225. (Live) 🆒
8:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **NBA Summer League Basketball** First/Second Round. (Live) 🆒
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **2018 World Series of Poker** Final Table. From Las Vegas. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **NBA Summer League Basketball** First/Second Round (Live) 🆒
5:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Aberdeen Standard Investments Scottish Open, Second Round. (Live) 🆒

Friday

8:00 a.m. (ESPN) **2018 Wimbledon Championships** Men's Semifinals. (Live) 🆒
(NBCSports) **2018 Tour de France** Stage 7. From Fougères to Chartres. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **NASCAR Racing** Monster Energy Cup Series: Quaker State 400, Practice. (Live)
1:30 p.m. (Golf) **2018 Senior Players Championship** Second Round. (Live) 🆒
2:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **NASCAR Racing** Monster Energy Cup Series: Quaker State 400, Final Practice. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** John Deere Classic, Second Round. (Live) 🆒
5:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **NASCAR Racing** Xfinity Series: Alsco 300, Qualifying. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **USA Softball International Cup** Puerto Rico vs USA Red. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **NASCAR Racing** Monster Energy Cup Series: Quaker State 400, Qualifying. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **Boxing** Joet Gonzalez vs. Rafael Rivera. (Live)
(FS1) **BIG3 Basketball** From Detroit. (Live) 🆒
(Golf) **PGA Web.com Tour Golf** Utah Championship, Second Round. (Live) 🆒
8:00 p.m. (9&) **MLB Baseball** Kansas City Royals at Chicago White Sox. (Live) 🆒
(FoxSports) **MLB Baseball** Detroit Tigers at Houston Astros. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NASCAR Racing** Xfinity Series: Alsco 300. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **2018 World Series of Poker** Final Table. From Las Vegas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **CFL Football** Toronto Argonauts at Edmonton Eskimos. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **MLB Baseball** Chicago Cubs at San Diego Padres. (Live)

Radio today

No events scheduled

Friday

8 p.m.
MLB — Tigers at Astros (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 95.7; WCSY-FM, 103.7)
MLB — Royals at White Sox (WLS-AM, 890)
10 p.m.
MLB — Cubs at Padres (WSCR-AM, 670)

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Local sports calendar

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Running

Run for Kids' Sake 5K: 9 a.m. Saturday, Niles Riverfront Park. $20 for 15 and older through June 24, $25 until July 11, $30 race day. Ages 14 and under $15 through race day. Go to runsignup.com/runforkidssake.com.

Bridgman 5K/10K: 8 a.m. Saturday, Immanuel Lutheran Church. $20 through May 1, $20 until July 2, $30 race day. For registration info go to www.snapregistration.com/bridgman5K.

Sister Lakes Triathlon: 8 a.m. Saturday, Lions Club in Dowagiac. For registration and information visit 3disciplines.com.

Girls on the Run Camp: noon-4 p.m. July 16-20 at Benton Harbor/St. Joseph YMCA; 8 a.m.-noon Aug. 6-10 Niles/Buchanan YMCA.

Race for YMCA 5K/10K: 8:30 a.m. July 21, St. Joseph. Go to runsignup.com/Race/MI/SaintJoseph/ChemicalBankRunforYMCA. For more information visit www.gotrswmi.org.

Once Upon a Time 5K: 8:30 a.m. July 28, Baroda. Race benefits Foster Closet of Michigan - Berrien County Branch. Cost is $20 ages 15 and up through July 8; $25 July 9-26, $30 race day. Ages 6 and under free. Register online at runsignup.com/onceuponatime5k.

Steve's Run: 8:30 a.m. July 28 at Southwestern Michigan College Dowagiac campus. To register visit stevesrun.swmich.edu.

Cat Tracks 5K Trail Run/Walk: 8:30 a.m. Aug. 4, Brandywine High School. Cost is $20 through July 21, $25 July 22 through race day. Register online at runsignup.com/Race/MI/Niles/CatTracks5k

Maytag Ironman 70.3 Steelhead Triathlon: Aug. 12 at Jean Klock Park. Includes 1.2-mile lake swim, 56-mile bike and 13.1 mile run. For more information or to register, go to MaytagIronman70.3Steelhead.com. Volunteers should contact Kathy Davis at 369-1508.

Hobbiton Beer Run: 6 p.m. Sept. 20, Benton Harbor, The Livery Microbrewery. Proceeds benefit Benton Harbor Public Library Children's Wing. Choose from 5K or 2.5K distance. Cost is $15, which includes commemorative pint glass and logo decal, custom personalized race bib (register by Aug. 29 for name on bib); $20 registration fee upgrades to short sleeve shirt; $25 registration fee upgrades to long sleeve shirt. Register online at runsignup.com/hobbitonbeerrun.

Brookview Pirate Run 5K/10K: 9 a.m. Sept. 22, Brookview Montessori School, Benton Harbor. Cost is $20 ages 15 and up by Sept. 2; $25 through race day; 14 and under $15 through race day. Cost includes a short-sleeve Gildan Softstyle, semi-fitted, T-shirt in 100 percent ring spun cotton. Upgrade to long sleeve shirt for $5 through Sept. 9. Register online at runsignup.com/brookviewpirate-un.

Fit 4 Fall 5K: 9 a.m. Oct. 13 at Riverview Park in St. Joseph. Early bird registration opens June 1 and runs through Aug. 31. Cost is $20 for adults and $10 for ages 14 and under. For more information, go to www.fit4fall5k.com.

Ella's Rainbow Walk to Remember Pregnancy and Infant Loss: 4 p.m. Oct. 14, The Livery Microbrewery, Benton Harbor. $20 for 15 and up through Sept. 30, $25 Oct. 1 until race day. $15 for 7-14 through race day; ages 6 and under free. Go to runsignup.com/ellasrainbowwalk.

Chili Hop 5K Trail Run: 10 a.m. Oct. 21, Watervliet Municipal Airport. Proceeds benefit Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 585. Cost is $15 ages 15 and up through Sept. 30, $20 Oct. 1-18, $25 race day; 14 and under $15 through race day. Register online at runsignup.com/chilihop5k.

Golf outings

Lee Memorial Foundation: 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. shotgun start Friday at Indian Lake Hills. Contact Beth Cripe at 783-3026 or beth.cripe@ascension.org, or visit indianlakehills.com/calendar for flyer.

Al Stockman Memorial Golf Outing: 8 a.m. Friday, Berrien Hills. Proceeds benefit Benton Harbor Street Ministry. For more information, go online to www.berriencountyassociationofchurches.org.

St. Joseph Athletic Department: 1 p.m. shotgun start July 20 at Berrien Hills. Contact Kevin Guzzo at kguzzo@sjschools.org.

Richard Kepner Memorial Scholarship Classic: 7 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. shotgun start July 28 at Indian Lake Hills. Hosted by Michigan Lutheran High School. Contact Kevin Gillette at 429-7609 or Bill Kruck at 556-9270 ext. 1310, or go to indianlakehills.com/calendar for flyer.

Union Memorial A.M.E. 4-man Scramble: 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. shotgun start Aug. 11 at Blossom Trails Golf Club. Cost $70 includes cart and fish dinner. To register contact Paul Toney at 449-3828 or Shannon at 925-1812 at Blossom Trails or email Gladys Hunter at ghunter3750@comcast.net.

Paul Florian Memorial: 9 a.m. shotgun start Aug. 18 at Blossom Trails. Two-person teams. $65 per person, includes cart, food and prizes. To register contact Tom Mitchell 925-4951 or 208-9084.

Youth sports

St. Joseph Rocket and Flag Football: Registration now open at stjoerocketfootball.com. Register now, pay later option available. Visit website or Facebook page Saint Joseph Rocket Football for more information.

St. Joseph High School Football Camp: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. July 23-27. Open to grades 9-12, cost $65 includes lunch and t-shirt. To register go to www.stjoefootball.com. Contact coach Gandalf Church at gchurch@sjschools.org for more information.

St. Joseph Junior High School Football Camp: 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. July 23, 25, 27. Open to grades 7-8, cost $40 includes t-shirt. To register go to www.stjoefootball.com. Contact coach Gandalf Church at gchurch@sjschools.org for more information.

Watervliet Youth Football Camp: 9 a.m.-noon July 23-24 at Panther Stadium. Open to grades 3-8, cost $25 includes t-shirt. Can register on first day of camp. For more information contact Watervliet coach Jeremy Andrews at (269) 806-7686 or jandrews@watervlietps.org.

Lakeshore Youth Soccer: Early registration for the 2018 season is available through Sunday. Save $20 by registering early. Practices start in September with the six-week session beginning mid-September. All boys and girls in Southwest Michigan ages 3-14 are welcome. Register at www.lakeshoreyouthsoccer.com.

Youth Sailing at Paw Paw Lake: One-week session stars Monday. For more information go to www.SJF.org or call 269-983-5441.

Youth Sailing at St. Joseph: Third session begins July 30. For ages 8 and up. Go to www.SJF.org or call 269-983-5441 for more information.

Chicago Fire Soccer Camp: July 23-27 at Rockey Weed Soccer Complex in Stevensville. Open to boys and girls ages 3-14. For more information go to www.lakeshoreyouthsoccer.com.

St. Joseph physicals: Girls 5 p.m., boys 6 p.m. Aug. 1 at St. Joseph High School Fieldhouse. Student from any school district may attend. Cost $30 for on student, $45 for two or more from same family. Parent signature required. For more information call athletic office at 926-3220.

Adult sports

Senior Softball League: 1 p.m. Thursdays at Eaton Park. Open to men and women. In case of inclement weather call the St. Joseph Lincoln Senior Center by 11 a.m. for cancellation information.

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AREA GOLF

PEBBLEWOOD

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES — Low gross: Jeannine Marks 42, Caroline Jones 44. Low net: Liz Bogue 28, Betsy Cervinka 28, Sally Loikits 29.

MLB

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	65	29	.691	—
New York	60	31	.659	3½
Tampa Bay	48	44	.522	16
Toronto	42	49	.462	21½
Baltimore	26	67	.280	38½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	50	41	.549	—
Minnesota	41	49	.456	8½
Detroit	40	55	.421	12
Chicago	31	61	.337	19½
Kansas City	26	66	.283	24½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	62	32	.660	—
Seattle	57	35	.620	4
Oakland	51	41	.554	10
Los Angeles	47	45	.511	14
Texas	40	54	.426	22

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 6, N.Y. Yankees 5
Boston 8, Texas 4
Cincinnati 7, Cleveland 4
Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 2
Toronto 6, Atlanta 2
St. Louis 14, Chicago White Sox 2
Houston 5, Oakland 5, 11 innings
Kansas City 9, Minnesota 4
L.A. Angels 9, Seattle 3

Wednesday's Games

Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 2
Minnesota 8, Kansas City 5
N.Y. Yankees 9, Baltimore 0
Boston 4, Texas 2
Cleveland 19, Cincinnati 4
Atlanta 9, Toronto 5
Chicago White Sox 4, St. Louis 0
Oakland at Houston
Seattle at L.A. Angels

Today's Games

Oakland (Cahill 1-2) at Houston (Morton 11-2), 2:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Pivetta 5-7) at Baltimore (Gausman 4-6), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 14-2) at Cleveland (Kluber 12-4), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Estrada 4-7) at Boston (Price 9-6), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Snell 12-4) at Minnesota (Gibson 3-6), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (Dyson 8-3) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 6-5), 10:07 p.m.

RAYS 4, TIGERS 2

Detroit	ab	r	hbi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	hbi
Cndrio 3b	4	0	0	Krmaier cf	5	2	3
Cstlns rf	4	0	1	M.Duffy 3b	4	1	2
Goodrum 2b	4	0	1	Bauers rf-1b	3	0	0
Jon.Hck 1b	4	0	1	Crsn 1b	4	1	3
V.Mrtin dh	4	0	0	C.Gomez rf	0	0	0
Mahtook lf	4	1	1	Choi dh	4	0	2
J.McCnn c	4	1	2	Adames ss	4	0	0
Ro.Rdrg ss	3	0	0	Wendle 2b	4	0	1
J.Jones cf	3	0	1	Sucre c	4	0	0
				M.Smith rf-lf	4	0	1
Totals	34	2	7	Totals	36	4	12

Detroit	000	200	000	—2					
Tampa Bay	001	000	30x	—4					

E-C.Gomez (5). LOB-Detroit 6, Tampa Bay 9. 2B-Castellanos (29), J.Jones (17), Cron (17), Choi (3), Wendle (9). HR-J.McCann (6), Krermaier (2), Cron (18). SB-M.Smith (16).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Zimmermann L,4-1	6⅔	11	4	4	1	5
Wilson	1	0	0	0	0	2
Stumpf	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1
Tampa Bay						
Wood	1	2	0	0	0	2
Andriese	3	3	2	2	1	6
Yarbrough W,8-4	3	1	0	0	0	4
Castillo H,6	1	1	0	0	0	0
Roma S,11-16	1	0	0	0	0	2

WP-Zimmermann.
Umpires-Home, Nick Mahrley; First, Lance Barrett; Second, Bill Welke; Third, Andy Fletcher.
T-2:40. A-13,922 (42,735).

WHITE SOX 4, CARDINALS 0

St. Louis	ab	r	hbi	Chicago	ab	r	hbi
M.Crpnt 1b	2	0	1	0	Moncada 2b	3	1	1	0
Pham cf	4	0	0	0	YSanch 3b	4	0	2	0
Mrtinez dh	4	0	1	0	J.Abreu 1b	4	0	0	1
Ozuna lf	4	0	0	0	Palka lf	4	0	0	0
Molina c	4	0	1	0	Engel cf	4	0	0	0
Gyorko 2b	3	0	0	0	Davidson dh	3	0	0	0
DeJong ss	3	0	1	0	L.Grcia rf	2	1	0	0
De.Frwl rf	4	0	0	0	Narvaez c	3	1	2	0
Wong 2b	3	0	0	0	TLndr ss	3	1	1	0
					Tilson cf-lf	3	0	1	1
Totals	32	0	4	0	Totals	29	4	7	4

St. Louis	000	000	000	—0					
Chicago	000	010	21x	—4					

E-Moncada (14), Molina (3). DP-St. Louis 1. LOB-St. Louis 8, Chicago 3. 2B-M.Carpenter (27), TLindaron (12), 3B-Moncada (5).

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Weaver L,5-8	6	3	1	1	2	7
Mayers	1	3	2	2	0	1
Hicks	1	1	1	1	0	2
Chicago						
Rodon W,2-3	7⅓	3	0	0	2	7
Minaya H,2	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Soria S,13-16	1⅓	1	0	0	1	2

Umpires-Home, Paul Nauert; First, Scott Barry; Second, Carlos Torres; Third, Kerwin Danley.
T-2:46. A-26,319 (40,615).

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	51	40	.560	—
Philadelphia	51	40	.560	—
Washington	46	46	.500	5½
New York	37	53	.411	13½
Miami	38	56	.404	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	55	37	.598	—
Chicago	52	38	.578	2
St. Louis	47	44	.516	7½
Pittsburgh	43	49	.467	12
Cincinnati	41	52	.441	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	51	41	.554	—
Los Angeles	49	42	.538	1½
San Francisco	49	46	.516	3½
Colorado	46	45	.505	4½
San Diego	40	54	.426	12

Tuesday's Games

Washington 5, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 7, Cleveland 4
Milwaukee 8, Miami 4
Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 3
Toronto 6, Atlanta 2
St. Louis 14, Chicago White Sox 2
Arizona 5, Colorado 3
San Diego 4, L.A. Dodgers 1
Chicago Cubs 2, San Francisco 0

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 2, Washington 0
San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 4, 13 innings
Cleveland 19, Cincinnati 4
N.Y. Mets 3, Philadelphia 0, 10 innings
Atlanta 9, Toronto 5
Chicago White Sox 4, St. Louis 0
Milwaukee at Miami
Arizona at Colorado
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego

Today's Games

Arizona (Ray 3-1) at Colorado (Freeland 8-6), 3:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Pivetta 5-7) at Baltimore (Gausman 4-6), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Miley 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Taillon 5-7), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Scherzer 11-5) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 4-6), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 7-2) at San Diego (Ross 5-7), 10:10 p.m.

GIANTS 6, CUBS 5, 13 INNINGS

Chicago	ab	r	hbi	San Francisco	ab	r	hbi
Zobrist rf-lf	6	0	1	0	d'Arnaud 3b	7	1	2	1
Heyward cf	6	2	3	1	Belt 1b	5	1	0	0
Bryant 3b-rf	5	1	1	2	McCtchn rf	5	1	2	0
Rizzo 1b	5	0	0	0	Posey c	7	0	3	1
J.Baez 2b	6	1	1	1	B.Crwfrd ss	5	1	1	0
Schwrtzr lf	5	0	1	0	G.Hrnan lf	6	1	2	2
Farrell p	0	0	0	0	Duggar cf	6	0	1	1
Morrow p	0	0	0	0	Hanson 2b	6	0	2	0
Cntrras ph-c	1	0	0	0	Cueto p	2	0	0	0
Russell ss	5	0	1	0	Blach p	0	0	0	0
Cratini c	6	0	2	0	Moronta p	0	0	0	0
Norwood p	0	0	0	0	Pence ph	1	0	1	0
M.Mntgm p	2	0	1	0	Watson p	0	0	0	0
Almora ph	1	0	0	0	Mlancon p	0	0	0	0
R.Rsrio p	0	0	0	0	Slater ph	0	0	0	0
I.Happ ph	1	0	0	0	W.Smith p	0	0	0	0
Strop p	0	0	0	0	Sndoval ph	0	0	0	0
J.Wlson p	0	0	0	0	D.Rdrgz p	1	0	0	0
L.Stlla 3b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	50	4	11	4	Totals	51	5	14	5

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E-Zobrist (1), Strop (1). DP-Chicago 1. LOB-Chicago 14, San Francisco 15. 2B-d'Arnaud (1), G.Hernandez (10). HR-Heyward (6), Bryant (10), J.Baez (18), d'Arnaud (1). CS-Posey (2).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Montgomery	5	8	4	4	1	1
Rosario	1	2	0	0	0	1
Strop	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Wilson	⅔	1	0	0	0	1
Farrell	2	0	0	0	3	2
Morrow	1	0	0	0	0	1
Norwood L,0-1	1⅔	3	1	1	1	2
San Francisco						
Cueto	5	6	3	3	3	7
Blach H,3	⅔	2	0	0	0	1
Moronta H,6	1⅓	0	0	0	1	0
Watson BS,2	1	2	1	1	0	2
Melancon	1	0	0	0	0	2
Smith	2	2	1	0	0	1
Rodriguez W,4-1	3	0	0	0	2	3

HBP-by Cueto (Zobrist), by Strop (McCutchen).
WP-Cueto.
Umpires-Home, Manny Gonzalez; First, Jansen Visconti; Second, Jeff Nelson; Third, Laz Diaz.
T-4:30. A-41,099 (41,915).

TENNIS

Wimbledon
Wednesday's results
All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
(seedings in parentheses)
Men's Singles
Quarterfinal

Kevin Anderson (8), South Africa, def. Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, 2-6, 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-4, 13-11.
John Isner (9), United States, def. Milos Raonic (13), Canada, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (7), 6-4, 6-3.
Novak Djokovic (12), Serbia, def. Kei Nishikori (24), Japan, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Juan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, 7-5, 6-7 (7), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Women's Doubles
Quarterfinal

Abigail Spears, United States and Alicja Rosolska, Poland, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France and Timea Babos (1), Hungary, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova (3), Czech Republic, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany and Heather Watson, Britain, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic and Nicole Melichar (12), United States, def. Mihaela Buzarnescu, Romania and Irina Begu (15), Romania, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.
Xu Yifan, China and Gabriela Dabrowski (6), Canada, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States and Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles
Third Round

Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia and Abigail Spears (10), United States, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands and Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 6-3, 6-4.
Victoria Azarenka, Belarus and Jamie Murray, Britain, def. Marcelo Melo, Brazil and Johanna Larsson (12), Sweden, 7-6 (6), 6-3.
Michael Venus, New Zealand and Katarina Srebotnik (9), Slovenia, def. Nikola Mektic, Croatia and Chan Hao-Ching (5), Taiwan, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
Bruno Soares, Brazil and Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Sloane Stephens, United States and Jack Sock, United States, 6-1, 7-5.

MIDWEST LEAGUE

Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Bowling Green (Rays)	13	7	.650	—
Lansing (Blue Jays)	12	8	.600	1
Fort Wayne (Padres)	11	8	.579	1½
South Bend (Cubs)	11	9	.550	2
West Michigan (Tigers)	10	10	.500	3
Lake County (Indians)	10	10	.500	3
Dayton (Reds)	9	11	.450	4
Great Lakes (Dodgers)	4	16	.200	9

Western Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cedar Rapids (Twins)	13	6	.684	—
Beloit (Athletics)	12	6	.667	½
Peoria (Cardinals)	10	8	.556	2½
Quad Cities (Astros)	10	9	.526	3
Kane County (Cubs)	10	10	.500	3½
Clinton (Mariners)	9	10	.474	4
Wisconsin (Brewers)	7	12	.368	6
Burlington (Angels)	4	15	.211	9

Wednesday's Games

Quad Cities 3, Dayton 2
Beloit 10, South Bend 3
West Michigan 3, Wisconsin 2, 10 innings
Lansing 6, Burlington 2
Great Lakes 1, Clinton 0, 10 innings
Fort Wayne at Cedar Rapids
Kane County 9, Bowling Green 2
Lake County 5, Peoria 1

Today's Games

Quad Cities at Dayton, 7 p.m.
Beloit at South Bend, 7:05 p.m.
Wisconsin at West Michigan, 7:05 p.m.
Lansing at Burlington, 7:30 p.m.
Great Lakes at Clinton, 7:30 p.m.
Fort Wayne at Cedar Rapids, 7:35 p.m.
Kane County at Bowling Green, 7:35 p.m.
Lake County at Peoria, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed RHP Andrew Cashner on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Yefry Ramirez from Norfolk (IL). Sent RHP Chris Tillman to Frederick (Carolina) for a rehab assignment. Signed RHP J.J. Montgomery to a minor league contract. Extended their working agreements with Norfolk, Bowie (EL), Frederick, Delmarva (SAL) and Aberdeen (NYP) through the 2020 season.

BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned LHP Jalen Beeks to Pawtucket (IL). Recalled LHP Robby Scott from Pawtucket.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Designated RHP Bruce Rondon for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Jeanmar Gomez from Charlotte (IL).

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Designated RHP Rzepczynski for assignment. Reinstated LHP Tyler Olson from the 10-day DL.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned RHP Ken Giles to Fresno (PCL). Recalled LHP Clonel Perez from Corpus Christi (TL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned RHP Jason Adam to Omaha (PCL). Reinstated RHP Ian Kennedy from the 10-day DL.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Recalled RHP Deck McGuire and OF Michael Hermosillo from Salt Lake (PCL). Placed RHP Garrett Richards on 10-day DL.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed RHP Addison Reed on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Alan Busenitz from Rochester (IL). Sent RHP Ervin Santana to Chattanooga (SL) for a rehab assignment. Signed C LaRon Smith to a minor league contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Placed RHP Felix Hernandez on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Optioned OF John Andreoli to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled RHP Nick Rumbelow and 2B Gordon Beckham from Tacoma.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Recalled 1B Ji-Man Choi and RHP Andrew Kittredge from Durham (IL).

TEXAS RANGERS — Designated OF Austin Jackson for assignment.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned INF David Bote to Iowa (PCL). Reinstated 3B Kris Bryant from the 10-day DL. Sent LHP Brian Duensing to Tennessee (SL) for a rehab assignment.

CINCINNATI REDS — Signed LHP Carlos Diaz to a minor league contract.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Signed LHP Norman Aponte to a minor league contract. Reinstated RHP Bryan Shaw from the 10-day DL. Optioned LHP Jerry Vasto to Albuquerque (PCL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Designated LHP Edward Paredes for assignment. Claimed LHP Zac Rosscup from Colorado.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Released SS Eric Sogard.

NEW YORK METS — Optioned OF Kevin Kaczmarski and RHP Drew Gagnon to Las Vegas (PCL). Selected the contract of OF Matt den Dekker from Las Vegas. Recalled RHP Jacob Rhame from Las Vegas. Released RHP Marcos Molina.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHPs Jake Thompson and Enyel De Los Santos to Lehigh Valley (IL). Reinstated RHP Vince Velasquez from the 10-day DL.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Sent LHP Tyler Lyons to Springfield (TL) for a rehab assignment. Signed RHP Ramon Fernandez to a minor league contract.

TENNIS

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And, according to the ATP, it's the fifth time Federer lost a match at a major tournament after holding a match point, something else that last happened seven years ago.

How hard was it to see this coming?

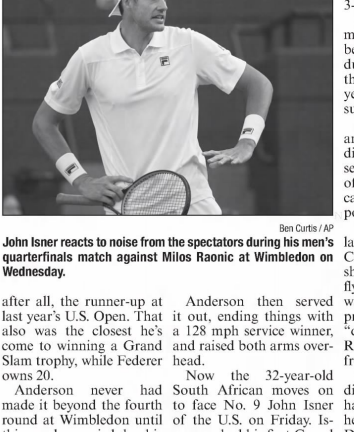
Federer was 4-0 against Anderson entering the day, winning every set they'd ever played against each other.

But there was more. More about more. Federer was attempting to reach his 13th semifinal at Wimbledon and move closer to title No. 9, both of which would have broken his own records.

He came into the match having won 32 consecutive sets at Wimbledon, a run he stretched to 34 before faltering. And he had held serve 81 games in a row at the grass-court major, a streak that grew to 85 before Anderson broke him a surprising total of four times.

"I just kept on telling myself, 'I have to keep believing.' I kept saying that today was going to be my day, because you really need that mindset taking the court against somebody like Roger," Anderson said. "If you go out there with doubts or unsure what's going to happen, like I maybe did a little bit in that first set, it's not going to go your way."

Not that Anderson`is anything other than an elite tennis player. He was,



Ben Curtis / AP

John Isner reacts to noise from the spectators during his men's quarterfinals match against Milos Raonic at Wimbledon on Wednesday.

after all, the runner-up at last year's U.S. Open. That also was the closest he's come to winning a Grand Slam trophy, while Federer owns 20.

Anderson never had made it beyond the fourth round at Wimbledon until this week, carried by his booming serve. He hit 28 aces against Federer, saved 9 of 12 break points and managed to hold his own in the rare lengthy baseline rallies.

"It's like that with the big servers," Federer said. "You're never really safe."

As the fifth set became as much a test of mental strength as anything, from 4-all to 6-all to 8-all to 10-all, Anderson was as steady as he needed to be. And it was Federer who blinked, double-faulting to face a break point at 11-all, then slapping a forehand into the net to cede the key break.

Anderson then served it out, ending things with a 128 mph service winner, and raised both arms overhead.

Now the 32-year-old South African moves on to face No. 9 John Isner of the U.S. on Friday. Isner reached his first Grand Slam semifinal by beating 2016 Wimbledon finalist Milos Raonic of Canada 6-7 (5), 7-6 (7), 6-4, 6-3, hitting 25 aces and saving the only break point he faced. Isner has won all 95 of his service games in the tournament.

Anderson vs. Isner will be played at Centre Court, of course, a spot Federer knows well. His loss to Anderson was the first match he'd played at No. 1 since 2015.

Three-time Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic got his wish to play in the main stadium, and he reached his first Grand Slam semifinal since 2016 by beating No. 24 seed Kei Nishikori of Japan 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Djokovic is a 12-time major champion who's been in something of a rut, due to right elbow troubles that lasted more than a year until he finally had surgery in February.

He's been flashing some anger this fortnight and did so again in the second set, bouncing his racket off the turf after failing to capitalize on three break points at 1-all.

That earned a code violation from chair umpire Carlos Ramos. When Nishikori let his own racket fly in the fourth set, he wasn't chastised, which prompted Djokovic to yell "double standards" toward Ramos — drawing boos from fans.

"He claims that he didn't see what Nishikori has done, but apparently he always sees what I do," Djokovic said afterward, "something that I don't think is fair."

Later, Ramos warned Djokovic for a time violation, but that didn't seem to faze the Serb.

Soon enough, Djokovic was on his way to the semifinals, where he will meet Rafael Nadal.

"I like the level of tennis that I'm playing on right now. I really do. I think with the performances I've had, I deserve to be in the semifinals," said Djokovic, whose last major title came at the 2016 French Open. "I don't want to stop here. I hope I can get a chance to fight for a trophy."

CROATIA

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13 nations that advanced to a World Cup final, doing it in a tournament where powers Brazil, Germany, Argentina and Spain made early exits.

"They've had an incredible route to the final. They've shown remarkable character," said England coach Gareth Southgate, who for now will be remembered more for a fashionable waistcoat than ending a half-century of hurt.

France, which won its only title at home in 1998, will have an extra day of rest after beating Belgium 1-0 on Tuesday.

Croatia, coming off 360 intense minutes at soccer's highest level, faces its biggest sporting moment since becoming an independent nation in 1991.

"We started slowly, but we've shown our character, just as we did in the previous two knockout rounds when we were one-goal down," Perisic said.

Fans back home in Zagreb took to the streets to celebrate, lighting flares and waving flags in a sea of exuberance.

"We are a nation of people who never give in, who are proud and who have character," said coach Zlatko Dalic, who wore a checkered jersey to his post-match news conference. "There's no weakness in a team that is in the final."

England was not among the top 10 nations in ticket sales before the tournament, but the team's progress caused gallivanting supporters to flock to Moscow.

The front of the stands behind one goal was filled with more than two dozen white banners with a red Cross of St. George, pledging support from many of the island's clubs, from Bradford to Wolverhampton.

Back home, a crowd of 30,000 was in London's Hyde Park for a large-screen viewing, the British Beer and Pub Association predicted supporters would buy 10 million extra pints at pubs during the match, and No.1 Court at Wimbledon was less than one-third full for the men's quarterfinal between John Isner and Milos Raonic.

Promise seemed about to be fulfilled when Kieran Trippier curled in a free kick in the fifth minute for his first international goal, above leaping Dejan Lovren and Mandzukic and past the desperate dive of goalkeeper Danijel Subasic. Choruses of "God Save the Queen" began in England's end.

"We had a couple chances after that to get the second, give ourselves a bit more breathing room," England captain Harry Kane said.

Football will not be coming home on Sunday, and there will be no title to match the 1966 triumph at Wembley Stadium. Kane & Co. will deal with the same disappointment that felled Shearer and Platt, Gazza and Wazza, Beckham and Gerrard. And Southgate, whose penalty-kick failure led to England's previous semifinal loss in a major tournament, in the 1996 European Championship semifinals.

"Impossible to say anything to them that is going to make them feel better at this point," Southgate said after England's fourth straight loss in a major tournament semifinal.

Croatia tied the score after Rakitic switched the ball from left flank to right, where Vrsaljko crossed. Kyle Walker attempted a diving header to clear. Perisic jumped and from behind raised his left boot over Walker's head to poke the ball past goalkeeper Jordan Pickford from about 8 yards for his fourth goal in the tournament.

England had its moments to go back ahead, but Lingard failed to connect with a Kane through ball in 78th, and Kane miss-hit a header off a free kick in stoppage time.

Croatia defender Sime Vrsaljko kept the score even nine minutes into extra time with a goal-line clearance of John Stones' header off a corner kick. Then Croatia became the first team since Argentina beat Italy in 1990 to come from behind to win a World Cup semifinal match

Mandzukic scored after Walker stuck out a leg to block Josip Pivaric's cross. The ball popped up, and Perisic outjumped Trippier to head the ball toward goal. Mandzukic alertly reacted to the unexpected ball in the penalty area, splitting defenders Stones and Harry Maguire, who both had taken four short steps up. The ball bounced twice, Mandzukic ran onto it and one-timed a low, left-footed shot to Pickford's left.

"Three times 120 minutes and fresher legs today than the English team," Lovren marveled.

Mandzukic ran to a corner and was mobbed by teammates, who jumped on him and trapped photographers under them in the crush.

Not long after, Dalic was thinking about the short recovery time before the final.

"It's our fault. Why didn't we score earlier?" he said. "Why didn't we finish the job in regulation time?"

Rakitic wasn't worried.

"We still have lots of energy in the tank," he said.

CUBS

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bring up Posey, who ended the 4-hour, 30-minute game with San Francisco's first run since scoring four in the first.

"With two strikes, you're just kind of in battle mode," Posey said.

Norwood worked the 12th and 13th in his major league debut. He immediately struck out Brandon Crawford on a 99 mph fastball.

Cubs slugger Kris Bryant hit a two-run homer in his return from the disabled list, and All-Star Javier Baez tied the game with a solo homer in the seventh.

Tony Watson's scoreless streak at home ended at 20 2/3 innings with Baez's 18th homer — and Watson hadn't allowed a run in 18 innings overall, which had been the longest active streak in baseball.

San Francisco's Johnny Cueto struck out seven in five innings in his second start back from a lengthy trip to the disabled list with a sprained elbow. The right-hander hasn't won since April 28.

Cueto was under a careful watch in just his seventh start of 2018 because of two trips to the DL.

Bryant hit his 10th homer in the fifth following a single by Jason Heyward, who homered leading off the third.

Out since June 23 with inflammation in his left shoulder, Bryant rejoined the Cubs from his Double-A rehab assignment. The 2016 NL MVP started at third base before moving to right field in the ninth.

"If I can find a way to hit the ball on the fat part of the bat more often then I'll have a lot more home runs," Bryant said. "It's as simple as that. It felt good. Unfortunately it was a tough game to lose."

The Cubs missed a chance when they loaded the bases in the sixth.

Heyward wound up with three hits on a day former Cubs catcher Miguel Montero attended the game to see his old club. Montero, let go by the Nationals after playing only four games this spring, posted on Twitter: "I had always speak my mind and today I have to say I miss this team, let's go cubs."

Some of San Francisco's more unheralded contributors staked Cueto to an early cushion.

Chase D'Arnaud homered to begin the first inning for the Giants, the first leadoff drive of his career. Gorkys Hernandez hit a two-run double before Steven Duggar singled him home.

Cubs starter Mike Montgomery gave up eight hits in five innings. He has never beaten the Giants in three starts.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Cubs: While RHP reliever Steve Cishek is always willing to work, he was unavailable after working three straight games and 2 1/3 innings — taking the loss in 11 innings Monday night before earning his third save Tuesday night when Brandon Morrow wasn't available. ... Jon Lester will start Sunday for the Cubs, putting his availability for the All-Star Game in question. Manager Joe Maddon said he'd leave it up to Lester whether to pitch for the NL squad.

Giants: Posey, who will have an injection in his troublesome right hip after Sunday's game and sit out the All-Star Game, returned to the lineup after a pinch-hit appearance Tuesday.

UP NEXT

Cubs: Following an off day, RHP Tyler Chatwood (3-5, 5.01 ERA) starts Friday at San Diego. Chatwood is looking for his first win in 10 starts since beating the White Sox on May 11.

Giants: LHP Madison Bumgarner (2-3, 3.09 ERA) pitches Friday in the Bay Bridge Series opener against the Oakland Athletics.

BEETLE BAILEY

I THOUGHT OTTO DIDN'T LIKE DOG FOOD
THIS NEW PREMIUM BRAND IS REALLY GOOD
YUCK
GREG + MORT WALKER 7-12
WAY BETTER THAN YOUR HASH

BLONDIE

I THINK IT'S TIME FOR CORA AND ME TO TAKE A CRUISE.
YOU ENJOY CRUISES, DON'T YOU, BOSS?
YOU BET..THE BEST ONE I EVER TOOK WAS TO RIO DE JANEIRO..
AND SHE TOOK ONE TO VENICE

HI & LOIS

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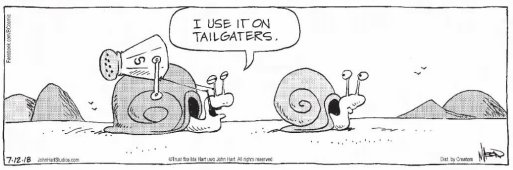

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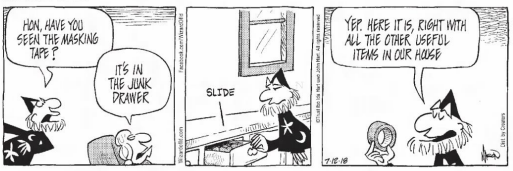
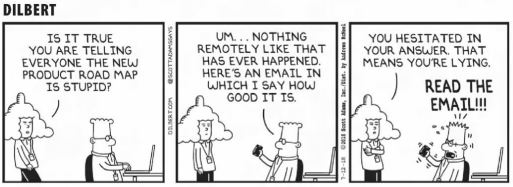

HON, HAVE YOU SEEN THE MASKING TAPE?
IT'S IN THE JUNK DRAWER
SLIDE
YEP. HERE IT IS, RIGHT WITH ALL THE OTHER USEFUL ITEMS IN OUR HOUSE

DILBERT


IS IT TRUE YOU ARE TELLING EVERYONE THE NEW PRODUCT ROAD MAP IS STUPID?
UM... NOTHING REMOTELY LIKE THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED. HERE'S AN EMAIL IN WHICH I SAY HOW GOOD IT IS.
YOU HESITATED IN YOUR ANSWER. THAT MEANS YOU'RE LYING.
READ THE EMAIL!!!

GARFIELD

I WISH I HAD A SUPERPOWER
YEAH, RIGHT
WHAT SUPERPOWER WOULD YOU HAVE?
LIKE THE ABILITY TO MAKE EVERYTHING TASTE LIKE ICE CREAM!
MY HERO!
JIM DAVIS 7-12

FORT KNOX

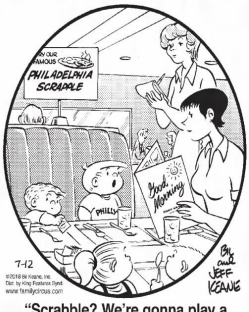
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SWINDLED ME, DONALD!
JUST GIVE ME MY MONEY BACK AND ALL WILL BE FORGIVEN.
THE MONEY'S GONE.
WHERE DID IT GO??
PROTECTION.
BOOM!

PICKLES

GRAMPA SAID I'M HIS LEGACY.
HE SAID I'LL BE HIS GIFT TO THE WORLD WHEN HE'S GONE.
THAT'S WHY HE'S BEEN TEACHING ME EVERYTHING HE KNOWS.
I'M GLAD IT DIDN'T TAKE VERY LONG.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Scrabble? We're gonna play a word game before breakfast?"

BABY BLUES

HAVE YOU GUYS SEEN WREN?
SHE WAS JUST HERE A SECOND AGO!
THAT'S SO WEIRD!
WE SHOULD REPORT IT TO THE STORE MANAGER.
I'LL DO IT!
ALIEN ABDUCTION ON AISLE 23!
SOOO HELPFUL...

CURTIS

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, CURTIS? WHY DON'T YOU STAY AWAY?!
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU OUT ON A DATE!
BUT I DON'T LIKE YOU!!
IN WHAT SORT OF A BIZARRO WORLD DO TWO PEOPLE HAVE TO LIKE EACH OTHER TO DATE?

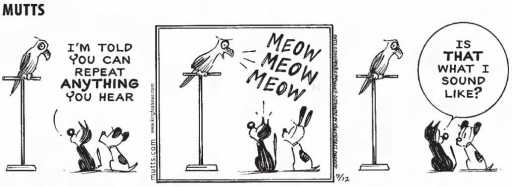
ZITS

I'D LIKE TO TRY ON SOME BATHING SUITS.
SURE! RIGHT THIS WAY!
MY SON IS GOING TO HELP ME PICK ONE OUT.
DON'T SAY THAT!
IT'S JEREMY, RIGHT? WE HAD A CLASS TOGETHER.
LISTEN. THIS IS BASICALLY A HOSTAGE SITUATION.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MUTTS



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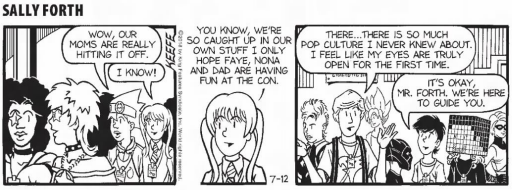
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I KNOW!
YOU KNOW, WE'RE SO CAUGHT UP IN OUR OWN STUFF I ONLY HOPE FAYE, NONA AND DAD ARE HAVING FUN AT THE CON.
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Prime Time TV

THURSDAY EVENING JULY 12

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7) (13) (41) (57)	Wheel of Fortune	The Gong Show (N)		Match Game (N)		Take Two "Ex's and Oh's" (N)	
CBS (2) (3) (22)	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	:31 Young Sheldon	Big Brother (N) (L)		S.W.A.T. "Miracle"	
NBC (5) (8) (16)	Access (N)	Little Big Shots "Double the Fun"		Marlon (N)	Marlon	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
FOX (17) (22) (28) (32)	Modern Family	The Four: Battle for Stardom "Week Five' A new set of challengers face the Four. (N)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N)	
PBS (34)	Radar-Michigan	Grantchester on Masterpiece		Father Brown		Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Portland"	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Supernatural		Black Lightning "The Book of Revelations"		News	Seinfeld
MNT (50)	Modern Family	Supernatural		Black Lightning "The Book of Revelations"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	ABC7 Eyewitness News on WCIU		The Game	The Game	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME (46)	M*A*S*H	Heartland "One Day" (DVS)		Mad Ab't You	Mad Ab't You	Just Shoot Me	Just Shoot Me
WGN (9)	News	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L)	
A&E	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol
AMC	Ground-hog Day	★★★ Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory ('71, Children's) Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson.					Willy Wonka
Animal	Lone Star	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed (N)				Northwest Law (N)	
BET	:05 ★★ ATL ('06) Tip Harris, Lauren London.					Genius Talks	
Big Ten	Illinois Football		Campus	Illinois Football Classic (N)			Illinois
Bravo	Southern Charm	Southern Charm "Game Changer"		Southern Charm "(F)"		:15 Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce (N)	
Cartoon	We Bare Bears	Dragon	American	Cleveland	American	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	★★ The Beach	From Within ('08) Elizabeth Rice, Thomas Dekker.		★★ The Great Wall ('16) Matt Damon, Jing Tian.			
CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Nashville (N)		★★ Country Strong	
CNBC	Greed	American Greed		American Greed		Deadly Rich	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Detroiters
Discovery	Afraid	Naked and Afraid					
Disney	Bunk'd	Andi	Raven	Stuck	Big City	Bizaard	Raven
DIY	Tiny	Love	Love	Love	Love	Love	Love
E!	E! News	★★ Fifty Shades of Grey ('15) Dakota Johnson.					50
ESPN	USA Softball International Cup			2018 World Series of Poker Final Table. (N)			
ESPN2	NBA Basketball		NBA Summer League Basketball				Basket
ESPNC	Basket	NBA From March 9, 2003.				NBA	
Food	Chopped	Chopped		Chopped		Beat Flay	Beat Flay
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	:00 BIG3 Basketball Teams TBA. From Oakland.					XTERRA Champ.	
Freeform	Beauty & Beast	Marvel's Cloak & Dagger (N)		:01 Marvel's Cloak & Dagger		:01 Marvel's Cloak & Dagger	
FX	Trainwreck	★★ The Proposal ('09) Sandra Bullock. A woman pretends to be engaged to evade deportation.					The Proposal
Golf	PGA Web.com			LPGA Golf			
Hallmark	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle
HBO	VICE News	★★★ Kingsman: The Golden Circle ('17, Action) Colin Firth, Julianne Moore, Taron Egerton.					:25 Sharp Objects
History	Speed	Hot Wheels: 50th		Swamp Mysteries		:03 Alone (N)	
HGTV	Flip or	Flip or	Flip or	Flip or	Flip or	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life Ashley is at a standstill. (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper	
Lifetime	Grey's Anatomy	★★ Made of Honor ('08) Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan.				:03 ★★★ Marley & Me ('08)	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With Chris		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Wild 'n Out		Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
NBCSCH	Best of	IndyCar Racing Iowa Corn 300. (Taped)				Fight Sports MMA	
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football From Jan. 7, 2018.					
Nick	Loud	Double	Double	★ Norm of the North ('16)			
NGEO	Wild E.	Lost Gold-Ages		Black Pharaohs		Drain the Oceans	
Oxygen	:00 NCIS	NCIS "Blood Brothers" (DVS)		NCIS Ducky is attacked.		NCIS Abby's brother falls under suspicion.	
Parmt	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Woman	Lip Sync
Showtime	Inglourious	:15 ★★ Gone ('12, Suspense) Amanda Seyfried, Daniel Sunjata.				The Affair Alison and Ben dig into her past.	
Starz	6:58 ★★★ Be Cool ('05, Comedy) John Travolta.			★★★ Tomorrow Never Dies ('97) Pierce Brosnan, Jonathan Pryce.			
STZENC	6:58 ★★★ The First Wives Club ('96) Goldie Hawn.			★★ The Banger Sisters ('02, Comedy) Goldie Hawn.			Roman J. Israel
SyFy	G.I. Joe: Ret.	★★ Journey 2: The Mysterious Island ('12) Dwayne Johnson.				Futurama	Futurama
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Dangerous Exile	★★★★ The Great Escape ('63, War) Steve McQueen. Allied POWs stage a daring escape from a Nazi prison camp.					
TMC	Pirates-Somalia	★★★ Changing Lanes ('02, Suspense) Ben Affleck.				:40 ★★ Unbreakable ('00, Suspense) Bruce Willis.	
TNT	NCIS: LA	★★★ Dumb & Dumber ('94)				★★ Bad Teacher	
Travel	Mysteries	Mysteries-Museum		Space Race		Mysteries-Museum	
TV Land	M*A*S*H	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Queen of the South "La Fuerza" (N)		:01 Shooter Harris is taken. (N)	
VH1	Scary Mv	★★★ Step Brothers ('08) Will Ferrell.					Hot Tub
WGN-A	:00 ★★ XXX ('02) Vin Diesel. A spy tries to stop an anarchist with weapons.					★★ XXX ('02, Action) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento.	

Chronic wasting disease on the rise among deer in the U.S.

DEAR DOCTOR: My dad and brothers are hunters, so there's always deer meat in the freezer and it's often on the menu. But I'm hearing that it's now linked to a brain disease. Should we be worried?

DEAR READER: You're referring to chronic wasting disease, also known as CWD, which has now been found in deer herds in at least 23 states. It has also been identified in moose, elk and reindeer, and is a becoming a problem in Canada, Norway and South Korea as well.

Chronic wasting disease is a progressive disease that affects the functioning of the brain and spinal cord of the infected animals, and invariably leads to their death. Although it is highly contagious among animals – the disease continues to spread in wild deer herds and fenced-in hunting ranches – there are no known cases of transmission to humans at this time.

CWD is part of a family of disorders known as prion disease. If that sounds familiar, it's because prions play a leading role in mad cow disease. The disease created an uproar when it was identified in Great Britain, Europe and the United States in the late 1980s through the early 2000s. Mad cow caused several hundred deaths in humans, mostly in Great Britain, and resulted in 4.5 million cows being destroyed.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

Although prions are normal proteins found in the brains and nervous systems of most animals, including mammals, reptiles and birds, the prions involved in the disease process behave abnormally. They start a chain reaction among the normal proteins in the brain, causing them to fold and bend and become deformed. This prevents the proteins from fulfilling their specific biological purposes, and ultimately results in the characteristic spongy appearance in the brain tissues of the infected animal. In CWD, prions cause numerous small holes to develop in the brains of infected deer, which affect the deer's behavior and lead to death.

Symptoms in infected deer include tremors, loss of coordination, weight loss and wasting, a lack of awareness of the surroundings, an uncharacteristic loss of fear of humans, and increased thirst, urination and salivation. The incubation period of CWD is quite long, averaging from 18 to 24 months. That means an animal can be infected with the disease but not show any ill effects. CWD is transmitted among herds of deer through normal contact, like touching noses, licking, mating and giving birth. In addition, soil contaminated by the urine, feces or carcass of an affected animal remains a vector of infection for more than a decade.

CWD was first identified in the late 1960s, but as we mentioned earlier, there are no known instances of transmission to humans. However, because mad cow made the leap to humans, scientists are now investigating whether the same thing can happen with CWD. Wildlife officials in Colorado and other heavily affected states are urging hunters to bring their deer in for testing before consumption. This involves an analysis of tissues from the brain and lymph nodes. The agency that issued your hunting permit will have complete information.

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Talk of remarriage triggers questions about burial plots

DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law "Charles" has earned the privilege of being buried in a military cemetery. He lost his wife, "Claire," to cancer 10 years ago; she is buried in their plot in the military cemetery with a headstone. Their children are all adults now.

Charles has been seriously dating a divorcee, "Joyce," and they are talking about marriage. Joyce feels that for him to be committed to her in marriage, they should have a plot together. It's our understanding that only one wife is allowed to be buried in the military cemetery. This would mean Claire would have to be exhumed and transferred to another one.

I'm not sure how close Joyce is to her family, but she does have grown children. I suggested they get an outside opinion and a prenuptial agreement before they get married, which both would be agreeable to. What have others done in similar situations? – Concerned In New Hampshire

DEAR CONCERNED: There are different types of military cemeteries in this country, 135 of which are maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration. (None of them are located in your state.) However, there are many state and private military cemeteries nationwide, and their rules may differ from those of the national. Because you didn't mention which category your brother-in-law's cemetery falls under, the best advice I can offer is to contact it and find out what its rules are in circumstances like this.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I tend to be a people pleaser. So when my wife wanted to buy a home for us to raise a family in, I went along with her plan to move to her hometown. I wanted her to be happy, and I was excited about the home-purchasing process.

It's almost two years later, and I regret it. I'm not happy here. I miss my hometown where all my friends and family live. It's a beach town, a throwback to a time when everyone knew everyone and you could walk or bike-ride anywhere. People don't lock their doors, and homes are insulated from the streets and traffic, so kids can play freely outside. To me, it's the perfect town.

But there is no convincing my wife to try giving my hometown a shot as our full-time residence. Despite knowing we will never be able to own a summer house there, that's the "dream" my wife sells to me. I resent her because she got what she wants, and I just have to deal with it. Should I just accept my fate? – Resentful In New York

DEAR RESENTFUL: I am sorry you are unhappy with the decision you made. Your wife may have wanted to move to her hometown because she felt her relatives could help out with your children, which is a plus. However, unless you find the strength to assert yourself, "accepting your fate" is exactly what you may have to do.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Involuntary jerk
6 Floor model
10 Jughead's pal
12 Bovary's title
14 Wyoming range
15 Pearl producer
16 Of black magic
18 Filmmaker — Lee
19 Quip
21 Light in a tube
23 Help wanted abbr.
24 Bad-mouth
26 Wine valley
29 Cigar residue
30 Not outgoing
32 Smudge
34 Made the most of
36 Leaves in a bag
37 "The Piano" heroine
38 Holland export
40 Vinyl records
42 Turn sharply
43 Dismal cry
45 Luigi's farewell
47 Thicken
50 Dwindle
52 Restaurant freebie
54 Long, silky wool
58 Dire
59 Was catty?
60 Wise one
61 Stone monument

DOWN
1 Brooded, as a hen
2 Opposite of post-
3 Drama section
4 Baked
5 Finely chopped
6 Ohio aviation city
7 Journal VIPs
8 — Hari
9 Birds of ill —
11 PC button
12 Double agent
13 Joule fraction
17 Cracks peanuts
19 "The Body" Ventura
20 — and aahed
22 Capture
23 Water, on the Seine
25 Devotee
27 Shopping center
28 TV sound
31 Bark or yelp
33 Scold
35 Popular shift
39 NW Illinois city
41 Landscapes
44 Didn't stay
46 Gold brick
47 Wildebeest
48 Headset, to fans
49 Links org.
51 "Casablanca" pianist
53 Small cask
55 Be in debt
56 CSA monogram
57 Citrus cooler

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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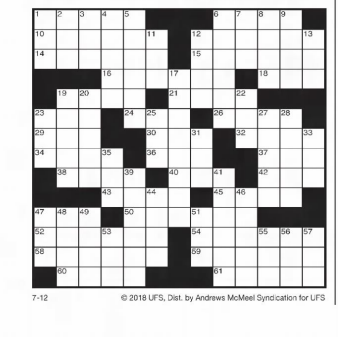

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Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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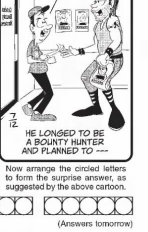

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FOYER LINER PADDLE JIGSAW
Answer: The inventor of the saddle had the — "RIDE" IDEA

Kakuro

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/12

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Answer to previous puzzle

Bridge

Marcus Tullius Cicero, a Roman statesman and orator who died circa 43 B.C., said, "Confidence is that feeling by which the mind embarks in great and honorable courses with a sure hope and trust in itself."

You need to have confidence in your bridge partner. If you do not, get a new one! But at other times, your play may depend on whether you trust an opponent.

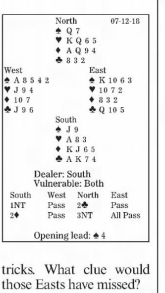
In today's deal, West leads a fourth-highest spade four against three no-trump. What happens after that?

With that North hand, I would have been tempted to raise one no-trump straight to three no-trump. With 28-30 combined high-card points, usually there will be nine winners. But four hearts, assuming a 4-4 fit exists, might fail to a bad trump break or a defensive crossruff. Also, if a 4-4 fit does not exist, using Stayman just gives the defenders extra information about declarer's hand.

South has nine top tricks: three hearts, four diamonds and two clubs. If only he could have had the opening lead, he could have claimed. Now, though, the defenders seem destined to take the first five or six tricks in spades.

However, when declarer plays dummy's seven, some Easts, worried that South has the ace and West the jack, will put in the 10. Then a grateful South will win the trick and, here, collect two overtricks. What clue would those Easts have missed?

If South had started with A-x or A-x-x in spades, he would have put up dummy's queen in the hope of taking two tricks in the suit. When he does not, West is marked with the spade ace.



Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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4				3				5
7				4		3		
8	7					2		
1			8	2	3			7
	4					8	1	
	6		7				2	
5				1			6	
			4	6			1	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	3	5	6	4	8	1	9	7
6	1	9	2	7	3	5	8	4
4	8	7	5	1	9	3	2	6
8	6	3	7	2	1	4	5	9
7	5	2	8	9	4	6	3	1
1	9	4	3	6	5	2	7	8
9	7	6	1	3	2	8	4	5
3	4	8	9	5	6	7	1	2
5	2	1	4	8	7	9	6	3

That's Racin'

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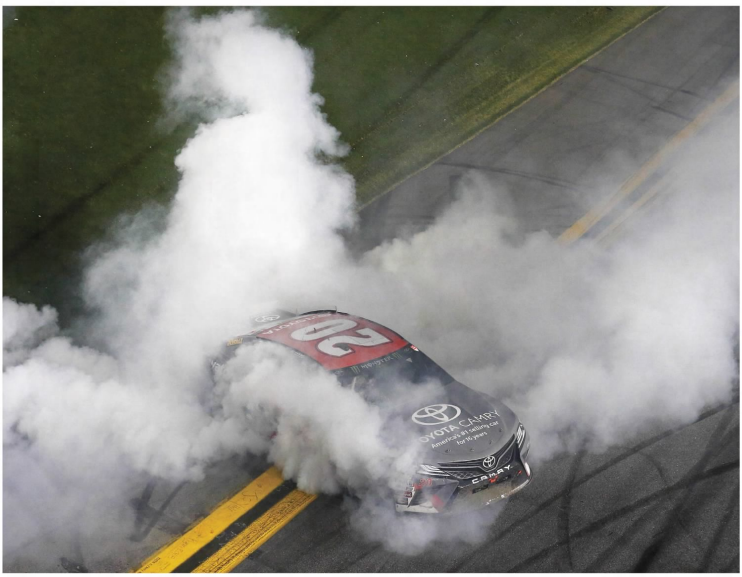
"I didn't even think I'd won until I got to the lug nut check, and they had a big screen down there. And I saw a little bit of the replay and saw that he (Justin Haley) clipped the yellow line, so I asked about it, and they said NASCAR was talking about it, and about 10 seconds later we were declared the winner." That's what **Kyle Larson** said after winning Friday's Xfinity Coca-Cola Firecracker 250 at Daytona by .005 seconds over Elliott Sadler. Larson's victory wasn't official until NASCAR demoted Justin Haley, who made a dramatic pass for the lead but dipped below the yellow line dividing the racing surface from the apron, a violation.

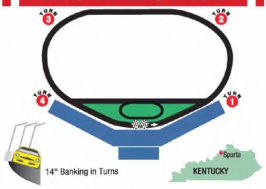
Go online and check out thatsracin.com for the latest information and news on stock-car racing, updated daily.



SARAH CRABILL FOR NASCAR

Erik Jones, driver of the #20 buyatoyota.com Toyota, celebrates with a burnout after winning the Cup Series Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona International Speedway Saturday.

THIS WEEK'S RACE



QUAKER STATE 400

Distance: 267 laps, or 400.5 miles.
Where: Kentucky Speedway, a 1.5-mile asphalt tri-oval in Sparta, Kentucky.
When: 7:30 p.m. ET Saturday. **TV:** NBCSN.
Radio: Performance Racing Network.
Last year's winner: Martin Truex Jr.
Worth mentioning: Because the race has only existed since 2011, it only has four winners ever: Truex, Matt Kenseth, Kyle Busch (twice), and Brad Keselowski (three times).

STOP 'N' GO

WHO'S HOT

Erik Jones: First career Cup Series win earned him a spot in the playoffs, but now it's a matter of if he can do anything once he's there.
Martin Truex Jr.: Another second-place finish isn't what he wanted at Daytona, but he's firmly established him self as a championship contender (again).

WHO'S NOT

Ricky Stenhouse Jr.: Not only did Stenhouse fail to finish the race at Daytona, but his aggressive driving and mistakes took out half the field — and earned him plenty of enemies in the process.
William Byron: He led temporarily at Daytona and had good speed, but then was taken out in a wreck — and with that, his chances of making the playoffs as a rookie have essentially ended.

— *Brendan Marks*

Win for the young guns was nice — sign of more to come?

Before this season kicked off, it was clearly apparent what NASCAR's marketing executives had honed in on as their new, flashy, shiny storyline for 2018.

Young guns, as they've been dubbed.

Really, it was an entire crop of young, up-and-coming, promising drivers, some with strong family names and, in most cases, stronger personalities: Chase Elliott, Ryan Blaney, Bubba Wallace, Erik Jones, Daniel Suarez, and William Byron, to name a few.

Only, one problem: they haven't won.

Now, that may seem like a particular slight against this generation of drivers, but it isn't — only seven Cup Series drivers have won at all this season. It isn't like there's a dozen drivers all trading wins and leaving out the new guys.

But that doesn't change the fact that these young drivers haven't gotten to Victory Lane this year. And, well, not winning sort of puts a damper on that whole marketing campaign, you know?

Or at least, it did until this past weekend.

And finally, we had a breakthrough! Erik Jones won a thrilling Daytona race, narrowly edging reigning Cup champion Martin Truex Jr. on a last-second pass on the final lap. The marketing gurus had cause for rejoice — at long last, the 22-year-old Jones had fulfilled their prophecy. Right? Right??

Not quite. Not hardly, really.

If anything, the post-race scene after Daytona provides incredible insight to the situation. Truex and A.J. Allmendinger, who finished third, were holding a joint press conference, and one reporter asked Truex if Jones' win gave young drivers any momentum (again, NASCAR reeeeally pushed that narrative pre-season).

Allmendinger chimed in as Truex began to answer: "One of those three (Truex, Kyle Busch, and Kevin Harvick) are going to win next week, so I don't know."

And there were laughs, even from Truex, and everyone moved on.

But that is the reality of the situation. Jones' win was cool from the standpoint that someone got their first Cup victory — sometimes that comes at 22, sometimes at 32. Either way, it was a nice moment, something he'll absolutely remember for the rest of his life.

As for the rest of us, though, and the impact his win has on this season? Not much.

That's because Allmendinger hit it spot on. Jones may have barely beaten Truex, but it took half the field being eliminated in wrecks, multiple late cautions and restarts, double overtime, a last-second push from behind, and a near-brush against the wall to do so. Aka, even with every single odd going Jones' way, he was only able to just get by Truex. And Daytona is one of Truex's worst tracks, too!

All of which is a longer, drawn-out version of saying: Jones' win was the exception, not the rule.

Now, it's always possible I'm wrong. It's possible the aforementioned Big 3 of Harvick, Busch, and Truex suddenly stops winning, or at the very least, Jones continues to do so. But after those three have claimed 13 of the first 18 races, I'll let someone else make that bold prediction — I'll stick with tried and true, not untested.

And that's why Jones' win, albeit a touching moment, ultimately won't make much difference to this Cup season. A few other young drivers, people like Blaney and Elliott, might get their first win this year; they also may not. But much like Jones, one of their victories wouldn't really matter in the grand scheme of things.

It just isn't time for the young guns to take over NASCAR... yet.

— *Brendan Marks, Charlotte Observer*

MONSTER CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top 30 drivers as of July 7

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Kyle Busch #18	749	16 R. Stenhouse Jr. #17	407
2 Kevin Harvick #4	692	17 Paul Menard #21	371
3 Martin Truex Jr. #78	629	18 Austin Dillon #3	347
4 Joey Logano #22	618	19 Ryan Newman #31	332
5 Brad Keselowski #2	596	20 Daniel Suarez #19	318
6 Clint Bowyer #14	594	21 William Byron #24	318
7 Kurt Busch #41	566	22 Jamie McMurray #1	316
8 Kyle Larson #42	544	23 A.J. Allmendinger #47	307
9 Denny Hamlin #11	538	24 Chris Buescher #37	293
10 Aric Almirola #10	503	25 Bubba Wallace #43	292
11 Ryan Blaney #12	496	26 Kasey Kahne #95	269
12 Jimmie Johnson #48	461	27 David Ragan #38	263
13 Erik Jones #20	448	28 M. McDowell #34	260
14 Chase Elliott #9	444	29 Ty Dillon #13	244
15 Alex Bowman #88	426	30 Matt DiBenedetto #32	214

XFINITY SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top 20 drivers as of July 6

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Elliott Sadler #1	582	11 Ryan Reed #16	370
2 Daniel Hemric #21	570	12 Ross Chastain #4	342
3 Cole Custer #0	556	13 Michael Annett #5	300
4 Christopher Bell #20	547	14 Kaz Grala #61	298
5 Justin Allgaier #7	528	15 Ryan Sieg #39	292
6 Tyler Reddick #9	503	16 S. Gallagher #23	277
7 Brandon Jones #19	488	17 J.H. Nemechek #42	276
8 Ryan Truex #11	455	18 Jeremy Clements #51	244
9 Matt Tifft #2	425	19 Alex Labbe #36	241
10 Austin Cindric #60	388	20 Garrett Smithley #0	240

NEXT RACE: Alsco 300, 8 p.m. ET Friday, Kentucky Speedway, NBCSN

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top 20 drivers as of June 29

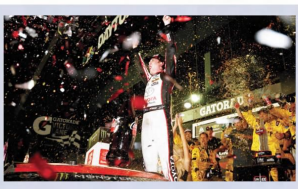
Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Johnny Sauter #21	508	11 Dalton Sargeant #25	270
2 Noah Gragson #18	443	12 Austin Hill #2	258
3 Brett Moffitt #16	423	13 Todd Gilliland #4	225
4 Stewart Friesen #52	368	14 Austin W. Self #22	218
5 Grant Enfinger #98	367	15 Wendell Chavous #49	204
6 Justin Haley #24	362	16 Justin Fontaine #45	193
7 Matt Crafton #88	356	17 Jordan Anderson #3	190
8 Ben Rhodes #41	349	18 Jesse Little #297	172
9 Myatt Snider #13	307	19 Joe Nemechek #87	146
10 Cody Coughlin #2	290	20 Jennifer Jo Cobb #10	135

NEXT RACE: Buckle Up in Your Truck 225, 7:30 p.m. ET Thursday, Kentucky Speedway, FS1

XFINITY WINNER'S QUOTE

"How about that race, boys and girls?! My first Cup win, my first win at Daytona, my first superspeedway win — what an awesome day, man! There's so much smoke in the car from that burnout, I can hardly breathe, but what an awesome finish."

— Erik Jones, who outdueled Martin Truex Jr. on Saturday night at Daytona to seize the first victory of his Cup Series career, in a Coke Zero Sugar 400 that went eight laps beyond its scheduled 160. Jones battled back from damage sustained in a wreck on Lap 65, an accident that cost him a lap.



Erik Jones celebrates in Victory Lane. MATT SULLIVAN FOR NASCAR

Steve Waid named Squier-Hall Award recipient

Waid

NASCAR and the NASCAR Hall of Fame this week announced legendary motorsports reporter Steve Waid as the eighth recipient of the Squier-Hall Award for NASCAR Media Excellence.

A familiar face in the NASCAR garage for nearly 50 years, Waid began covering motorsports in 1972 for the Martinsville Bulletin before a 10-year stint at the Roanoke Times & World News.

In 1981, Waid moved to Grand National Scene, a weekly NASCAR publication — and the spot where Waid cemented his legacy as a NASCAR media giant. Waid would later become publisher of what became known as NASCAR Scene and the monthly magazine NASCAR Illustrated, remaining with the publications until his retirement from full-time reporting in 2010.

"For decades, Steve Waid tirelessly worked the NASCAR garage, becoming a familiar, trusted and beloved voice to both competitors and the passionate fans alike," said Brian France, NASCAR chairman and CEO. "Waid's distinct voice elevated NASCAR Scene into a must-read publication each week, and we are thankful that he continues to share his literary talents with our fans. The Squier-Hall Award for NASCAR Media Excellence is NASCAR's highest honor to the media, and Steve is an absolutely deserving recipient."

Waid, who served as president of the National Motorsports Press Association President (NMPA) for 12 years, has won several journalism awards, including the George Cunningham Award as NMPA Writer of the Year and the Henry T. McLemore Award for outstanding lifetime contributions to motorsports.

In addition to penning widely read stories for daily, weekly and monthly publications, Waid co-authored a biography on Junior Johnson with fellow Squier-Hall Award recipient Tom Higgins.

Waid will be honored during 2019 NASCAR Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony festivities and featured in an exhibit at the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, N.C.

Waid was among eight nominees voted upon by a panel comprised of NASCAR and NASCAR Hall of Fame executives, journalists, public relations representatives and former competitors. The Squier-Hall Award was created in 2012 to honor the contributions of media to the success of the sport. Legendary broadcasters Ken Squier and Barney Hall, for whom the award is named, were its initial recipients. Chris Economaki, Tom Higgins, Steve Byrnes, Benny Phillips and Norma "Dusty" Brandel have since won the award.

— *NASCAR reports*

The other seven nominees

- Russ Catlin, one of the best-known early racing writers and historians, served as editor of Speed Age Magazine.
- George Cunningham, covered NASCAR for a variety of outlets, including The Charlotte Observer, The Atlanta Constitution and NASCAR Scene.
- Shav Glick, covered motorsports for the Los Angeles Times for 37 years, bringing NASCAR coverage to the West Coast.
- Mike Harris, covered NASCAR for more than 40 years for the Associated Press.
- Bob Jenkins, served as the lead NASCAR lap-by-lap anchor at ESPN from 1982-2000.
- Bob Moore, spent more than 20 years as a NASCAR beat writer including stints with the Daytona Beach News-Journal and The Charlotte Observer.
- T. Taylor Warren, best known for his three-wide photo of the 1959 Daytona 500 finish, he covered every Daytona 500 until his death in 2008.